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Groton (Mass.)
Annual report of the
selectmen of Groton





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of Groton

TOGETHER WITH A

**Report of the Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of the
Poor, Fire Department, Auditors, Town Clerk,
Board of Health, and List of Jurors.**

ALSO, THE

ANNUAL REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending March 11, 1907



AYER, MASS.

HUNTLEY S. TURNER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF GROTON
WITH
OTHER STATISTICAL MATTER
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1907.



AYER, MASS.
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1906.

Town Clerk.

Appleton H. Torrey.

Treasurer.

Grant W. Shattuck.

Collector of Taxes.

Samuel P. Williams.

Selectmen.

Jeremiah F. Ryan, William H. Whitehill, Frank A. Torrey.

Assessors.

Jeremiah F. Ryan, William H. Whitehill, Frank A. Torrey

Overseers of the Poor.

Jeremiah F. Ryan, William H. Whitehill, Frank A. Torrey

School Committee.

James C. Bennett, Gardner H. Rockwood, Herbert B. Priest.

Board of Health.

Herbert C. Rockwood, Herbert B. Priest, Solon R. Dodge.

Auditors.

George H. Bixby,

Henry W. Whiting.

Road Commissioners.

William H. Whitehill, Herbert C. Rockwood, Burpee Blakney.

Park Commissioners.

Burt M. Bristol, Michael Sheedy, Jr. Laurence E. Blood.

Luther Blood Fund.

F. Lawrence Blood, Frank M. Blood, Thomas L. Motley.

Fence Viewers.

Charles Bixby, Joseph B. Raddin, William A. Parkhurst.

Pound Keeper.

George S. Chase.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

Louis Bosquet.

Engineers of Fire Department.

James B. Harrington, Michael F. McGowan, John H. Sheedy,

Forest Firewards.

James B. Harrington, Michael F. McGowan, John H. Sheedy.

Truant Officer.

Solon R. Dodge.

Inspector of Cattle.

Solon R. Dodge.

Tree Warden.

Charles Woolley.

Registrars of Voters.

Moses P. Palmer, Amos L. Ames, Jr., Louis H. Clark,
Appleton H. Torrey.

Constables.

George A. Tuttle, J. Herbert Hynes, Jerome C. Shattuck.

Trustees of the Public Library.

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| William Amory Gardner, | John H. Manning, |
| Ellen M. Needham, | Pemberton H. Cressey, |
| Martha P. Lawrence, | Henry K. Richards. |

Librarian.

Einma F. Blood.

Trustees of the Dalrymple Fund.

Everett B. Gerrish, James F. Shattuck, William A. Moore.

Field Drivers.

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Jerome C. Shattuck, | Wheeler W. Amès, |
| Herbert C. Rockwood. | |

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Charles B. Baldwin, Grant W. Shattuck, J. Hoit Hunkins,

Surveyors of Lumber.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Charles B. Baldwin, | Ansel M. Shattuck, | James F. Shattuck' |
| J. Hoit Hunkins, | | Samuel L. Blodgett. |

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

E. Dexter Howe.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF GROTON

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1907.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1906.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| For Schools | \$7500 00 |
| School incidentals | 1600 00 |
| Transportation | 500 00 |
| Superintendence | 750 00 |
| Musical Instructor | 375 00 |
| Drawing | 300 00 |
| | <hr/> \$11,025 00 |
| Public Library, dog tax and un- | |
| expended balance | \$1138 70 |
| Roads and bridges | 3500 00 |
| Removing snow from roads | 1000 00 |
| Removing snow from sidewalks | 200 00 |
| Town incidentals | 2000 00 |
| Support of Poor | 2100 00 |
| Soldiers' relief | 100 00 |
| Fire department | 1900 00 |
| Forest Fire Wards | 100 00 |
| Hydrant service | 1125 00 |

For Salaries of Selectmen, Assessors

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| and Overseers of the Poor | \$500 00 |
| Board of Health | 75 00 |
| Interest on Notes | 500 00 |
| Street lamps | 900 00 |
| Salary of Treasurer | 125 00 |
| State road notes | 2000 00 |
| Memorial Day | 75 00 |
| Old burying ground | 40 00 |
| Baptist Church clock | 20 00 |
| Tree Warden | 1000 00 |
| Lawrence fountain | 65 00 |
| Heating Butler school | 2000 00 |
| Sidewalk, West Groton | 500 00 |
| Sidewalk, West street | 75 00 |
| Sidewalk, Main street | 300 00 |
| Band concerts | 150 00 |
| Lawrence play ground | 101 15 |
| Celebration of Fourth of July | 100 00 |
| | <hr/> \$21,500 00 |
| Total appropriations | \$32,713 85 |

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation | \$2000 00 |
| Credits—Fred H. Torrey, rent post | |
| office | 100 00 |
| Rent of town hall | 121 00 |
| Rent of Squannacook hall | 41 25 |
| Fines | 44 93 |
| Licenses, etc. | 9 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2316 18 |

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICIALS.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Samuel P. Williams, Tax Collector, | | |
| 1905 and 1906 | \$326 66 | |
| Appleton H. Torrey, Town Clerk | 139 78 | |
| Appleton H. Torrey, Registrar | 25 00 | |
| M. P. Palmer, Registrar | 15 00 | |
| Amos L. Ames, Jr., Registrar | 15 00 | |
| John H. Sheedy, Auditor | 5 00 | |
| George T. Stevens, Auditor | 5 00 | |
| Everett B. Gerrish, Treasurer Dalrymple | | |
| Fund | 10 00 | |
| Frank A. Torrey, Retainer and Cash | 23 00 | |
| Solon R. Dodge, Inspector of Animals | 96 52 | |
| | <hr/> | \$660 96 |

ELECTION OFFICERS.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| M. J. Cleary, Teller | \$7 00 | |
| Fred W. Coburn, Teller | 7 00 | |
| James F. Shattuck, Teller | 5 50 | |
| Charles Woolley, Moderator | 5 00 | |
| Patsy L. Donahue, Inspector | 3 50 | |
| Andrew J. Blood, Inspector | 2 00 | |
| James L. Haley, Inspector | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$32 00 |

POLICE SERVICE.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| George A. Tuttle, Constable, court | | |
| fees | \$66 35 | |
| Jerome C. Shattuck, Constable, court | | |
| fees | 54 25 | |
| J. Herbert Hynes, Constable, court | | |
| fees | 38 50 | |
| George S. Chase, Police | 5 00 | |
| James L. Haley, Police | 5 00 | |
| A. Q. Thayer, court fee | 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$169 60 |

TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| James L. Haley, janitor | \$240 00 | |
| John H. Sheedy & Co., supplies | 38 38 | |
| Shattuck's store, supplies | 10 61 | |
| Nutting Bros., wood | 7 00 | |
| James Woods, teaming | 4 00 | |
| F. M. Blood, repairs | 17 00 | |
| E. H. Tarbell, brass lamps and fixtures | 39 30 | |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co. | 50 00 | |
| R. M. Erving, repairs | 3 50 | |
| H. P. Tainter, supplies | 2 10 | |
| William H. Bruce, supplies | 2 00 | |
| F. A. Sherwin, coal | 201 57 | |
| Henry M. Adams, repairs | 12 10 | |
| James L. Haley, supplies | 35 | |
| H. W. Johns Marville Co., curtain | 150 00 | |
| F. A. Sherwin, supplies | 2 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$780 16 |
| Received rent, \$121.00 | | |

SQUANNACOOK HALL.

| | |
|---|---------|
| C. & G. H. Bixby, supplies | \$19 64 |
| Received rent, above janitor service, \$41.25 | |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---------|
| H. A. Johnson & Co., teams, 1905-6 | \$16 50 |
| H. A. Johnson & Co., teams, 1907 | 18 00 |
| Everett B. Gerrish, bonds | 116 00 |
| John W. Parker, clerk, 1905-6 | 10 00 |
| Globe Gas Light Co., lamp, Selectmens' room | 11 70 |
| Boston Book Co., New Eng. T. Law | 6 50 |
| J. E. Adams, teams, police | 4 25 |
| Henry Shaw, investigating | 5 20 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| W. Wright & Son, mattresses | \$4 25 | |
| Everett B. Gerrish, shed rent | 6 65 | |
| G. W. Hamilton, cleaning chimneys | 3 50 | |
| G. H. Rockwood, returning deaths | 4 00 | |
| G. H. Rockwood, care lot | 6 00 | |
| Robert Forbes, supplies | 5 25 | |
| Fred H. Torrey, box rent, postage | 7 00 | |
| Rockland Publishing Co., tally sheets | 2 50 | |
| W. A. Moore & Co., supplies | 1 77 | |
| Express | 4 75 | |
| Solon R. Dodge, removing moths | 1 25 | |
| Item Press, blanks | 3 00 | |
| S. L. Joslin, returning births | 25 | |
| Hobbs, Warren & Co., blanks | 2 45 | |
| B. & M. R. R., freight | 25 | |
| Huntley S. Turner | 183 80 | |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 21 34 | |
| A. H. Torrey & Co., express, postage | 2 55 | |
| Jeremiah F. Ryan, cash paid | 11 36 | |
| Dr. H. B. Priest, returning births | 4 00 | |
| Middlesex Truant School | 65 00 | |
| Charles H. Gerrish, clock | 30 44 | |
| | <hr/> | \$542 51 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2204 87 |

Unexpended balance \$111 31 .

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

TREE WARDEN.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Appropriation | \$1000 00 | |
| Credit from abutters | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1004 50 |
| Charles Woolley, self and team | \$381 75 | |
| A. N. Carkin, labor | 106 50 | |
| William H. Souther, labor | 105 00 | |
| George S. Chase, labor | 7 00 | |
| Boy, labor | 6 50 | |
| James F. Woods, labor | 3 00 | |
| Solon R. Dodge, labor | 5 00 | |
| Frank Moulton, labor | 6 00 | |
| Charles A. Corey, labor | 2 00 | |
| Richard McLean, labor | 25 | |
| H. L. Frost & Co., labor | 292 90 | |
| Supplies | 13 75 | |
| A. A. Carkin, as per vote of town | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$954 65 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$49 85 |

BAND CONCERTS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$150 00 |
| Amos L. Ames, Treasurer of Groton | |
| Cornet Band | \$150 00 |

CARE CLOCK, BAPTIST CHURCH.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$20 00 |
| J. F. Peabody, care | \$20 00 |

STREET LAMPS.

| | | |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$960 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 390 92 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1290 92 |
| Groton— | | |
| Shattuck's store, supplies | \$306 82 | |
| John H. Sheedy & Co., supplies | 257 02 | |
| James L. Haley, care | 410 00 | |
| G. H. Rockwood, 2 "Best Lamps" and supplies | 30 99 | |
| Frank M. Blood & Co., supplies and repairs | 10 60 | |
| E. Dexter Howe, labor | 10 30 | |
| Nutting Bros., posts | 6 00 | |
| D. Graham, repairs | 2 25 | |
| Blair Light Co. | 68 73 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1102 71 |
| West Groton — | | |
| Herbert E. Brown, care | \$106 00 | |
| C. and G. H. Bixby, supplies | 25 56 | |
| M. F. McGowan, supplies | 27 65 | |
| E. H. Harrington, care | 27 25 | |
| A. P. Blood, repairs | 1 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$188 21 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1290 92 |

BOARD OF HEALTH.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$75 00 |
| Solon R. Dodge, salary and services | \$29 25 | |
| Herbert C. Rockwood, salary and services | 21 50 | |
| Dr. Herbert B. Priest, salary and cash | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$65 75 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended balance | | \$9 25 |

LAWRENCE FOUNTAIN.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$65 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 23 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$88 75 |
| Groton Water Co., water | | \$88 75 |

LAWRENCE PLAY GROUND.

| | | |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Appropriation and unexpended balance for 1905-6 | \$101 15 | |
| Credits, apples and hay | 40 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$141 15 |
| Solon R. Dodge, labor | \$39 52 | |
| Clarence Anderson, labor | 2 50 | |
| Louis Miller, labor | 8 75 | |
| William H. Bruce, supplies | 14 32 | |
| Charles B. Shattuck, teaming | 20 40 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 1 00 | |
| Edward E. Balcom, painting | 6 50 | |
| Henry M. Adams, labor | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$94 99 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$46 16 |

SALARIES SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Jeremiah F. Ryan | 166 67 | |
| William H. Whitehill | 166 66 | |
| Frank A. Torrey | 166 66 | |
| | <hr/> | \$499 99 |

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Roads and bridges | \$3830 02 | |
| Sidewalks, removing snow | 148 55 | |
| Building sidewalks | 790 93 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4769 50 |

Number of orders drawn, 95.

HYDRANT SERVICE.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$1125 00 |
| Groton Water Co., water | \$1125 00 |

GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$1900 00 |
| Forest Fire Wards | 100 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2000 00 |

ENGINE AND HOSE NO. 1.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| H. A. Johnson & Co., teams, 1905-6 | \$34 25 | |
| Cornelius Bailey, services | 8 33 | |
| Pay roll | 726 60 | |
| George S. Chase, labor | 5 60 | |
| P. L. Donahue, services | 12 50 | |
| George C. Gilson, services | 4 16 | |
| P. M. Hardy, supplies | 10 50 | |
| W. H. Bruce, supplies | 1 00 | |
| James B. Harrington, salary | 35 00 | |
| H. A. Johnson & Co., teams, 1906-7 | 44 25 | |
| J. H. Sheedy & Co., supplies | 3 95 | |
| J. H. Hynes, service steward | 20 25 | |
| Shattuck's store, supplies | 80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$907 19 |

ENGINE AND HOSE NO. 2.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Pay roll | \$630 00 | |
| Wm. V. Bixby, teams | 2 00 | |
| Express | 1 45 | |
| G. G. Harrington, clerk, 1905-6 | 5 00 | |
| La France Engine Co., repairs | 9 50 | |
| L. G. Strand, repairs | 5 65 | |
| Herbert C. Rockwood, cement floor | 59 10 | |
| A. H. Thompson, repairs | 3 25 | |
| M. F. McGowan, salary and expense | 31 95 | |
| George Hartwell, steward | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$757 90 |

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| H. A. Johnson & Co., teams | \$23 00 | |
| James B. Harrington, cash | 6 82 | |
| West Groton | 2 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$32 32 |
| Unexpended balance | | 402 59 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2000 00 |

MEMORIAL DAY.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$75 56 |
| Groton Cornet Band | 45 00 | |
| Woman's Relief Corps, dinner | 11 09 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 2 00 | |
| Postage and Express | 37 | |
| J. E. Adams, horse | 3 00 | |
| H. A. Johnson & Co., barge | 10 00 | |
| W. A. Moore & Co., flags | 1 50 | |
| Herman C. E. Huebner, flowers | 60 | |
| Use of Grange Hall | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$75 56 |

STATE AID.

UNDER CHAPTER 381 OF THE ACTS 1904.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Ames, Elvira S. | \$28 00 | |
| Berry, Charles H. | 60 00 | |
| (Bond) Stone, Juliet R. | 48 00 | |
| Brown, Selina C. | 48 00 | |
| Cummings, John | 55 00 | |
| Curtis, George S. | 62 00 | |
| French, Mary | 20 00 | |
| French, Moses E. | 72 00 | |
| Gale, Bowman S. | 60 00 | |
| Magoon, Abbie S. | 48 00 | |
| Mason, Sumner R. | 72 00 | |
| Mault, Sarah A. | 48 00 | |
| Mitchell, Lucy C. | 48 00 | |
| Moulton, Noah J. | 72 00 | |
| Parker, Almira | 48 00 | |
| Parker, Elizabeth A. | 48 00 | |
| Small, Hannah E. | 48 00 | |
| Souther, Warner H. | 60 00 | |
| Williams, William | 72 00 | |
| Williams, Susan L. | 48 00 | |
| Williams, Martha E. | 48 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1113 00 |
| Due from Commonwealth | | \$1113 00 |

CARE OLD BURYING GROUND.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$40 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 1 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$41 60 |
| Charles H. Corey, cash | | \$41 60 |

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

| | |
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| Appropriation | \$100 00 |
| Harry P. Tainter, supplies, George S. Curtis | \$100 00 |

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 |
| Marston & Wells, fireworks | \$100 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Town incidentals | \$2204 87 |
| Memorial Day | 75 56 |
| Old burying ground | 41 60 |
| Band concerts | 150 00 |
| Baptist Church clock | 20 00 |
| Lawrence fountain | 88 75 |
| Lawrence play ground | 94 99 |
| Fourth of July celebration | 100 00 |
| Salary of Selectmen, etc. | 499 99 |
| Poor | 2510 60 |
| State aid | 1113 00 |
| Soldiers' relief | 100 00 |
| Groton fire department | 1697 41 |
| Street lamps | 1290 92 |
| Hydrant service | 1125 00 |
| Board of Health | 65 75 |
| Tree Warden | 950 15 |
| Total orders drawn by Selectmen | <hr/> \$12,128 59 |

Whole number of orders, 252.

POOR ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$2100 00 | |
| Credit Ayer, Mrs. Louisa Shedd Daniels | 110 00 | |
| Credit Townsend, Charles W. Gilson | 12 18 | |
| Credit for expense incurred | 6 50 | |
| Burial of indigent soldiers | 70 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2298 68 |
| Overdrawn | | 211 92 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2510 60 |

Louisa Shedd Daniels. Repaid by Ayer.

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Moses P. Palmer, rent | \$60 00 |
|-----------------------|---------|

Albert C. Monroe Family. Repaid by Pepperell.

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|------------------------------|--------|
| A. H. Torrey & Co., supplies | \$6 75 |
|------------------------------|--------|

George S. Curtis and Family (Veteran).

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dr. D. R. Steere, rent | \$42 00 | |
| Harry P. Tainter, supplies | 22 21 | |
| Nutting Bros., wood | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$68 71 |

Mrs. Adolphus Gates and Family.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Moses P. Palmer, rent | \$60 00 | |
| Harry P. Tainter, supplies | 110 56 | |
| Samuel L. Blodgett, wood | 13 00 | |
| A. H. Torrey & Co., supplies | 3 00 | |
| W. A. Moore & Co., supplies | 4 80 | |
| Car fare to Worcester | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$193 36 |
| The cords of wood from Town Farm | | |

Mrs. Luther G. Osborne.

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|--|----------|
| Paul S. Lincoln, board, care, medical supplies | \$172 00 |
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John Moulton and Family.

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|--|--------|
| D. Graham, saw-horse, filing saws, 1905-6 | \$2 50 |
|--|--------|

Charles W. Gilson and Family.

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Harry P. Tainter, supplies | \$4 38 | |
| Charles M. Raddin, milk | 4 80 | |
| Wood | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$12 18 |

Charles E. Swinington and Family.

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Harry P. Tainter, supplies | \$19 09 |
|----------------------------|---------|

Warren Gilson.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Massachusetts General Hospital | \$20 25 |
|--------------------------------|---------|

James Carl McKeever.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Massachusetts General Hospital and expense of conveyance | \$18 95 |
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MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Conveying children to State Minor Wards | \$13 25 | |
| Dragging Knopp's Pond for body of George Hapgood | 22 05 | |
| Boynton & Parker, insurance | 37 50 | |
| Boston Globe, advertising | 1 50 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, balance of salary, 1905-6, as per report | 628 09 | |
| J. F. Brown, stone, Carrie Dickinson | 7 00 | |
| Louis Bosquet, Supt., cash from Over- seers | 996 12 | |
| Dr. Herbert B. Priest, professional services 1 year | 100 00 | |
| Herbert C. Rockwood, balance ac- count March and April, 1906 | 131 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1936 81 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2510 60 |

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|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Due from Mrs. Julia Brady to March | | |
| 9, 1907 | \$150 50 | |
| Due from lumber, Nutting Bros. | 110 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$260 50 |
| Overdrawn, as above | | 211 92 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance in favor of town | | \$48 58 |

SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

1906-7.

TOWN FARM.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| H. C. Rockwood, Supt. | | |
| Cash paid | \$430 44 | |
| Cash received | 299 14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$131 30 |
| Louis Bosquet | | |
| Cash paid | \$2507 54 | |
| Cash received | 1531 49 | |
| | <hr/> | \$976 05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1107 35 |

OUTSIDE POOR.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Louisa Shedd Daniels | \$60 00 |
| A. C. Munroe family | 6 75 |
| Geo. S. Curtis family | 68 71 |
| Mrs. A. Gates family | 193 36 |
| Mrs. L. G. Osborne | 172 00 |
| John Moulton | 2 50 |
| Chas. W. Gilson family | 12 18 |
| Chas. E. Swinington family | 19 09 |
| Warren Gilson | 20 25 |
| J. C. McKeever | 18 95 |
| Conveying children to state | 13 25 |

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|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Dragging Knopp's Pond | \$22 05 | |
| Boynton & Parker | 37 50 | |
| Boston Globe | 1 50 | |
| J. F. Brown | 7 00 | |
| Dr. H. B. Priest | 100 00 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, 1905-6 | 628 09 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1383 18 |
| Cash on hand | | \$20 07 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2510 60 |

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 12, 1907.

| | | |
|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 3 horses | \$450 00 | |
| 1 bull | 30 00 | |
| 10 cows | 400 00 | |
| 5 heifers | 115 00 | |
| 1 bull calf | 8 00 | |
| 72 fowls | 36 00 | |
| 3 shoats | 18 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1057 00 |

Farming Tools, Etc.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 1 set double harness | \$40 00 |
| 1 single harness | 15 00 |
| 1 express harness | 14 00 |
| 1 two-horse wagon | 45 00 |
| 1 one-horse wagon | 30 00 |
| 1 express wagon | 20 00 |
| 1 Democrat wagon | 50 00 |
| 1 buggy | 3 00 |
| 2 sleds | 35 00 |
| 2 pungs | 35 00 |
| 2 mowing machines | 50 00 |
| 1 horse rake | 10 00 |
| 1 hay tedder | 10 00 |
| 1 two-horse cart | 85 00 |
| 1 farm roller | 10 00 |

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|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 harrow | \$12 00 | |
| 1 sulky plow | 47 00 | |
| 2 cultivators | 9 00 | |
| 1 wheelbarrow | 3 00 | |
| 1 North American seeder | 60 00 | |
| plows, shovels and other tools | 80 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$663 00 |

Supplies and Merchandise.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 800 lbs. mixed feed | \$11 20 | |
| 600 lbs. corn meal | 6 90 | |
| 400 lbs. whole corn | 4 60 | |
| 8 tons English hay | 128 00 | |
| 23 bushels potatoes | 18 40 | |
| 50 gallons vinegar | 10 00 | |
| 300 lbs. salt pork | 45 00 | |
| 75 lbs. ham | 13 65 | |
| 1½ bbls. flour | 9 00 | |
| 12 lbs. butter | 4 00 | |
| ¼ bushel beans | 1 00 | |
| 8 lbs. tea | 3 20 | |
| 2 lbs. coffee | 80 | |
| 5 doz. eggs | 1 25 | |
| 50 lbs. sugar | 2 20 | |
| 75 quarts canned fruit, ¼ vegetables | 15 00 | |
| 1 bbl. soap | 6 00 | |
| 40 gallons oil | 4 80 | |
| 125 lbs. beef | 10 00 | |
| 20 tons ice | 30 00 | |
| 6 cords wood, sawed and split | 48 00 | |
| 5 cords market wood | 20 00 | |
| 1000 feet lumber | 25 00 | |
| 5 cords of mixed wood | 15 00 | |
| 5 tons coal | 37 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$470 00 |

Household Furniture.

Including 15 iron bedsteads, bedding
for same, bureau and looking
glass for each room, new kitchen
range

\$400 00

Total appraisal at farm

\$2590 00

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE DURING YEAR.

| No. | Name. | Age. | No. Days Supported. |
|------------|--|------|------------------------|
| 1 | Esther Gilson | 71 | 365 |
| 2 | Mary Ann Mathews | 91 | 365 |
| 3 | John Slattery | 37 | 365 |
| 4 | David Downey | 62 | 365 |
| 5 | Mary H. McGrady | 68 | 183 |
| 6 | Susan Leonard, (died Jan. 29, 1906) | 81 | 304 |
| 7 | Zephania Saunders, (died July 30, 1906) | 71 | 121 |
| 8 | Margaret Gates | 17 | 22 |
| 9 | Rebecca Worcester | 79 | 103 |
| 10 | William Bond, removed by state | 77 | 48 |
| Total days | | | 2241 |

Average number for year, 6.

Present number, 4.

Three boarders during part of the year, one at the
present time.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

REPORT OF H. C. ROCKWOOD, SUPERINTEND- ENT TOWN FARM.

Received balance due on Salary 1905-06 \$628 09

Cash Paid March 21, 1906 to May 1, 1906.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| H. H. Phillips, fish | \$2 91 |
| Washburn, hardware | 60 |
| Medicine | 1 00 |
| Shattuck's store, supplies | 1 65 |
| A. H. Torrey, supplies | 1 25 |
| L. G. Strand, supplies | 2 10 |
| D. P. Keyes, chopping | 13 65 |
| T. Crowley, chopping | 14 81 |
| S. White, chopping | 18 00 |
| W. H. Bruce, supplies | 25 |
| Skim milk | 9 00 |
| A. Hartwell, labor | 50 |
| Fred Blood, meat | 72 |
| Hodgman & Sargent, meat | 1 70 |
| William Beck, labor | 5 00 |
| Harlow, meat | 1 40 |
| Mail box | 2 75 |
| Chase, nursery | 21 00 |
| C. & G. H. Bixby, supplies | 155 92 |
| H. P. Tainter, supplies | 14 90 |
| George Eddy, labor | 78 00 |
| H. C. Rockwood, 1 mos. salary | 83 33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$430 44 |

Cash Received.

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Mrs. H. M. Tweed, wood | 12 00 |
| D. P. Keyes, wood | 2 75 |
| W. B. Page, calf | 2 25 |
| M. P. Swallow, March milk | 87 17 |
| M. P. Swallow, April milk | 90 01 |
| Groton School, wood | 26 00 |

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|---|---------|----------|
| A. Fisher, cow | \$33 00 | |
| Milk | 80 | |
| Labor on highway | 15 50 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, labor and use of team | 18 00 | |
| C. Lawrence | 1 00 | |
| C. B. Shattuck, wood | 2 50 | |
| H. P. Tainter, eggs | 2 16 | |
| A. Miller, wood | 6 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$299 14 |
| Received cash to balance Overseers of Poor | | 131 30 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$430 44 |

REPORT OF LOUIS BOSQUET, SUPERINTEND- ENT TOWN FARM.

Cash Paid.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Shattuck's store | \$256 14 |
| C. & G. H. Bixby | 249 58 |
| F. A. Sherwin | 220 79 |
| M. F. McGowan | 101 87 |
| J. H. Sheedy & Co. | 62 21 |
| Hodgman & Sargent | 69 36 |
| Fred L. Blood | 33 67 |
| H. P. Tainter | 67 83 |
| C. A. Hodgman | 15 28 |
| A. J. Saunders & Son, stove and fittings | 60 50 |
| Sundries | 65 56 |
| A. H. Torrey & Co. | 19 50 |
| Wm. H. Bruce | 19 78 |
| H. H. Phillips, fish | 20 20 |
| F. J. Livingston, soap | 17 75 |
| T. Bywater | 25 05 |
| R. Forbes | 5 90 |
| L. G. Strand | 14 60 |

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| James Rowe | \$6 25 | |
| W. A. Moore & Co. | 13 73 | |
| J. J. Barry & Co., furniture | 19 50 | |
| John Lawrence, hay | 93 10. | |
| F. F. Woods, hay | 12 86 | |
| Dr. F. E. Gilson, hay | 11 24 | |
| F. F. Woods, cow and two calves | 60 00 | |
| Bennett Bros., supplies | 2 00 | |
| Inspecting boiler | 2 00 | |
| George H. Brown, clothing | 7 47 | |
| M. Moran, pasture | 19 00 | |
| Charles Lawrence, 3 pigs | 9 00 | |
| Z. Fitch | 4 78 | |
| W. C. Perry, butchering | 3 00 | |
| T. H. Cleary, butchering | 1 50 | |
| Boynton Baking Co. | 2 75 | |
| Drugs | 1 25 | |
| Nutting Bros. | 8 91 | |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 21 20 | |
| D. E. Murphy | 25 00 | |
| E. C. Messer, labor | 62 68 | |
| Flora Jaquith, labor | 3 00 | |
| William Keysar, labor | 1 50 | |
| L. Hawthorne, labor | 5 59 | |
| H. M. Greenwood, labor | 3 00 | |
| Joseph Slattery, labor | 13 00 | |
| Frank Kelly, labor | 9 60 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Bosquet, labor | 167 00 | |
| Louis Bosquet, labor | 375 22 | |
| M. P. Swallow, milk and butter | 113 09 | |
| W. C. Robbins, bull | 30 00 | |
| H. M. Adams, labor | 68 72 | |
| Mrs. J. Brady, cash | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2507 54 |
| Cash on hand | | 20 07 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2527 61 |

Cash Received.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| M. P. Swallow, milk (10 mos.) | \$589 93 | |
| Milk | 7 50 | |
| Three cows (2 to State) | 70 00 | |
| Seven calves | 15 75 | |
| A. Fisher, bull and cow | 63 97 | |
| C. Lawrence | 1 50 | |
| Two hogs | 40 50 | |
| Junk | 2 18 | |
| Poultry | 4 25 | |
| Bags | 1 40 | |
| Wood | 5 50 | |
| J. Welch, teaming | 2 00 | |
| F. A. Sherwin, teaming | 15 00 | |
| Hay | 7 20 | |
| Lodgings | 1 50 | |
| Eggs | 22 06 | |
| Potatoes | 28 65 | |
| Corn (sweet) | 4 70 | |
| Vegetables | 1 65 | |
| A. Lewis, 13 weeks board | 52 00 | |
| E. T. Souther, board | 166 00 | |
| Howard Gilson, use of cart | 5 25 | |
| B. & M. R. R., fire claim | 423 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1531 49 |
| Cash received of Overseers of Poor | | 996 12 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2527 61 |

Wood has been furnished from Town Farm, to Outside Poor when called for, but credit has not been given Superintendent, as both accounts come under one appropriation.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Cash on hand April 1, 1906 | \$331 48 |
| S. P. Williams for 1904 tax | 289 98 |
| S. P. Williams for 1905 tax | 3,015 12 |
| S. P. Williams for 1906 tax | 30,616 62 |
| Borrowed of Jose, Parker & Co. | 10,000 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank | 5,000 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank | 2,000 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank | 1,500 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank | 2,000 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank | 5,000 00 |
| Borrowed of Ayer National Bank, note of \$1800.00, for heating at Butler School | 1,800 00 |
| Fred H. Torrey, rent of post-office room | 100 00 |
| Park Commissioners, sale of apples from Lawrence Playground | 6 00 |
| Park Commissioners, fruit and hay, Lawrence Playground | 34 00 |
| Rent of Town Hall | 121 00 |
| Rent of Squannacook Hall | 41 25 |
| Return of fines | 44 93 |
| Boston & Maine Railroad, forest fires | 5 00 |
| P. W. Kane, license | 2 00 |
| Lester Adams, license | 2 00 |
| Thomas H. Cleary, license | 1 00 |
| James Culver, license | 1 00 |
| School Committee, sale of old junk | 27 50 |
| Town of Ayer, rent of house for Louisa Daniels from June 1, 1905, to June 1, 1906 | 60 00 |
| From June 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907 | 50 00 |

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| Town of Ayer, tuition | \$73 50 | |
| Town of Shirley, tuition | 14 75 | |
| Town of Townsend, aid rendered family of C. L. Gilson | 12 18 | |
| Selectmen, poor account | 6 50 | |
| State Treasurer, corporation tax | 7,163 52 | |
| State Treasurer, National Bank tax | 1,029 50 | |
| State Treasurer, State Aid | 1,042 00 | |
| State Treasurer, burial of indigent soldiers | 70 00 | |
| Floretta Vining, work on trees | 3 00 | |
| Interest from Ayer National Bank | 34 58 | |
| | <hr/> | \$71,498 41 |
| Road Commissioner, for filling | | 10 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$71,508 41 |
| S. P. Williams, interest on taxes | | 55 93 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$71,564 34 |

EXPENDITURES.

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|--|-------------|
| Paid Jose, Parker & Co., note and interest | \$10,231 25 |
| Paid First National Bank, Ayer, note and interest | 5,083 33 |
| Paid First National Bank, Ayer, note and interest | 5,066 67 |
| Paid First National Bank, Ayer, note and interest | 2,026 00 |
| Paid First National Bank, Ayer, note and interest | 2,013 33 |
| Paid First National Bank, Ayer, note and interest | 1,510 00 |
| Highway loan and interest | 2,027 00 |
| Interest on highway loans | 76 50 |
| Interest on library notes | 100 00 |
| Discount on taxes | 782 44 |

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|---|-------------------|
| County tax | \$3,411 75 |
| State tax | 3,430 00 |
| Repairs on State highway | 69 10 |
| Treasurer's salary | 125 00 |
| Trustees Public Library, Town ap- propriation | 1,000 00 |
| Orders drawn by Selectmen | 12,124 79 |
| Orders drawn by School Committee | 11,113 01 |
| Orders drawn by Highway Com- missioners | 4,770 04 |
| Orders drawn on account of work at Butler School | 3,827 50 |
| Public Library note and interest | 1,560 00 |
| | <hr/> \$70,347 71 |
| Cash on hand | 1,216 63 |
| | <hr/> \$71,564 34 |

GRANT W. SHATTUCK, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned Auditor of the Town of Groton, has examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and balance of twelve hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-three cents on hand.

HENRY W. WHITING,
AUDITOR OF THE TOWN OF GROTON.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN, 1906.

| | | |
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| Notes against town | | \$7500 00 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | \$331 48 | |
| Due from Tax Collector | 3445 45 | |
| Due from Commonwealth, State aid | 1030 00 | |
| Due H. C. Rockwood, balance salary above amount on hand | | 638 14 |
| Due from estate of William Gifford | 50 00 | |
| Due from Commonwealth, soldier's burial | 70 00 | |
| Due from janitor | 50 00 | |
| Due on corporation tax | 100 00 | |
| Estimated outstanding bills | | 100 00 |
| | <hr/> \$5086 93 | <hr/> \$8238 14 |
| Balance against the town | | \$3151 21 |

The above does not include the State Road note (same will be paid in full by this year's appropriation), nor salary of enginemen due May 1, 1906.

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Notes against the town | | \$6000 00 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | \$1216 63 | |
| Due from Tax Collector | 3241 17 | |
| Due from Commonwealth, state aid | 1113 00 | |
| Due from estate of William Gifford | 50 00 | |
| Due from janitor of town hall | 26 00 | |
| Estimated outstanding bills, including 1 per cent. due Tax Collector for collecting taxes 1906-7 | | \$500 00 |
| | <hr/> \$5646 80 | <hr/> \$6500 60 |
| Balance against the town | | \$853 20 |

The above does not include the State Road note (\$1000.00 due this year), nor salary of enginemen due May 1, 1907.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

| | |
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| Schools in general | \$9400 00 |
| School incidentals | 1600 00 |
| Superintendent | 500 00 |
| Public Library | 1000 00 |
| Public Library, dog tax and balance from last year's appropriations | |
| Roads and bridges | 3500 00 |
| Removing snow from roads | 1000 00 |
| Removing snow from sidewalks | 200 00 |
| Town incidentals | 2000 00 |
| Support of poor | 2250 00 |
| Soldier's relief | 150 00 |
| Fire department | 1700 00 |
| Fire department, use of Forest Fireward | 100 00 |
| Hydrant service | 1125 00 |
| Salary of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor | 650 00 |
| Use of Board of Health, including salary | 75 00 |
| Interest on notes | 400 00 |
| Street lamps | 1200 00 |
| Salary of Treasurer | 125 00 |
| Repairs to sidewalks | 200 00 |
| Memorial Day | 75 00 |
| Care of Old Burying Ground | 40 00 |
| Lawrence fountain | 90 00 |
| Care of clock on Baptist church | 20 00 |
| Park Commissioners and revenue from Lawrence playground | 150 00 |
| | ————\$27 550 00 |

FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD,
CHARLES BIXBY,
M. JOSEPH CLEARY,

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

| | |
|--|--|
| Union Orthodox Church | \$12,800 00 |
| Unitarian Society | 25,700 00 |
| Baptist Church | 12,500 00 |
| Christian Union Society | 6,200 00 |
| Lawrence Academy | 43,500 00 |
| Groton School | 300,000 00 |
| Public School Buildings | 24,000 00 |
| Public Library | 22,000 00 |
| Engines, hose, etc. | 3,500 00 |
| Town hall | 17,000 00 |
| Town farm | 7,000 00 |
| Squannacook hall | 2,200 00 |
| Lawrence play ground | 1,000 00 |
| Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' Club | 300 00 |
| Catholic Church | 3,200 00 |
| | <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> \$480,700 00 |

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES FROM ASSESSORS' BOOK.

Number of inhabitants in town, census of

| | |
|---------|------|
| 1905 | 2253 |
| Males | 1110 |
| Females | 1143 |

A gain of 61 or 2.78% as compared with 1895.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Number of male polls assessed | 574 |
| Taxation on each poll | \$2.00 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$1,311,477.00 |
| Value of real estate | \$1,671,425.00 |
| Total valuation | \$2,982,902.00 |

*Tax for State, County and Town Purposes, including
Overlaying.*

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Personal tax | \$14,426 24 | |
| Real estate | 18,385 67 | |
| Poll taxes | 1,148 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$33,959 52 |
| Abatements under Veteran Act of 1906 | | 252 50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$33,707 02 |

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| Number of residents assessed on property | 459 |
| Firms, corporations, trustees' estates, etc. | 87 |
| Total | <hr/> 546 |

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| Number of non-residents assessed on property | 70 |
| Firms, etc. | 30 |
| Total | <hr/> 100 |

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| Total number assessed on property | 646 |
| For poll tax only | 244 |
| Total number assessed | <hr/> 890 |

Tax rate per thousand, \$11.00.

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| Number horses assessed | 454 |
| cows | 757 |
| sheep | 68 |
| neat cattle other than cows | 230 |
| swine | 157 |
| dwelling houses | 485 |
| acres of land | 20,343 |
| fowl | 2,786 |

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,
ASSESSORS OF GROTON,

GENERAL ROAD ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Allotment | \$500 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 27 57 | |
| | <hr/> | \$527 57 |
| Fred H. Torrey, box rent and stamps | \$1 80 | |
| Charles B. Shattuck, snow—old bill | 11 20 | |
| E. C. Williams, snow—old bill | 7 20 | |
| Nesbit L. Woods, snow—old bill | 3 55 | |
| Samuel L. Blodgett, snow—old bill | 7 00 | |
| Herbert C. Rockwood, snow—old bill | 16 11 | |
| George L. Smith, snow—old bill | 4 40 | |
| Fred S. Gale, snow—old bill | 7 20 | |
| Henry H. Gay, snow—old bill | 6 00 | |
| E. H. Clark, snow—old bill | 10 00 | |
| W. H. Whitehill, snow—old bill | 2 40 | |
| George H. Floyd, snow—old bill | 6 00 | |
| James Fitzpatrick, snow—old bill | 2 00 | |
| Howard L. Gilson, snow—old bill | 6 00 | |
| Howard L. Gilson, watering streets | 30 50 | |
| H. W. Flavell, snow—old bill | 4 90 | |
| Nesbit L. Woods, storage road scraper | | |
| 1 year | 5 00 | |
| Groton Water Co., water for streets | 40 75 | |
| Howard L. Gilson, watering streets | 20 75 | |
| Mrs. Charles Williams, storage sand | | |
| 2 years | 8 00 | |
| Nutting Bros., snow—old bill | 8 15 | |
| Nutting Bros., guide posts, board and | | |
| lumber | 10 27 | |
| E. L. Blood, snow—old bill | 3 52 | |
| R. E. Sargent, snow—old bill | 3 90 | |
| Arthur C. Tuttle, snow—old bill | 3 25 | |
| Howard L. Gilson, watering streets | 39 50 | |
| Groton Water Co., water for streets | 37 75 | |
| J. H. Sheedy & Co., supplies and tiling | 37 80 | |

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| Burpee Blakney, labor on catch basin | \$41 25 | |
| J. B. Raddin, snow—old bill | 9 00 | |
| Burpee Blakney, cleaning streets and basins | 54 50 | |
| J. H. Sheedy & Co., nigger heads | 6 75 | |
| Shattuck's store, supplies | 11 15 | |
| Thomas Bywater, repairs | 5 81 | |
| W. H. Whitehill, clerking | 15 00 | |
| Town of Pepperell, planking bridge | 29 21 | |
| F. A. Torrey, retainer | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$527 57 |
| Total appropriation | | \$4500 00 |
| Total amount of orders | | 3830 02 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance in favor of the town | | \$669 98 |

WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
HERBERT C. ROCKWOOD,
BURPEE BLAKNEY,
ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

REPORT OF H. C. ROCKWOOD SECTION.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Allotment | \$1000 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 20 65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1020 65 |
| H. C. Rockwood, 52 days, 8 hours | \$134 61 | |
| Two horses, 52 days, 8 hours | 105 70 | |
| G. T. Eddy, 52 days, 8 hours | 105 70 | |
| D. P. Keyes, 42 days, 2½ hours | 86 54 | |
| T. Crowley, 42 days, 2½ hours | 84 50 | |
| F. F. Thompson, 23 days, 3 hours | 64 16 | |
| Arthur Tuttle and team, 5 days | 20 00 | |

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| James Hill and team, 6 days, 4½ hours | \$26 00 | |
| R. Sargent and team, 21 days | 84 00 | |
| E. Sargent and team, 2 days | 8 00 | |
| G. Sargent and team, 11 days | 44 00 | |
| Wm. Parkhurst and team, 7 days | 21 00 | |
| W. V. Bixby and team, 1 day | 4 00 | |
| G. Keating and team, 5 days | 20 00 | |
| E. L. Blood and team, 13 days, 2¼ hours | 45 00 | |
| William Beck, 1 day, 2¼ hours | 2 50 | |
| W. Souther, 6 days, 4½ hours | 13 00 | |
| C. & G. H. Bixby, 50 ft. 10 in. tile pipe | 16 25 | |
| Mr. Berquist, 12 loads gravel | 3 75 | |
| A. P. Blood, 25 loads gravel | 1 80 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, 314 loads gravel | 47 10 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, 71 posts | 8 52 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, bridge plank | 1 65 | |
| H. C. Rockwood, 784 ft. railing | 12 87 | |
| A. H. Thompson, bridge plank | 1 10 | |
| James Culver, 404 loads gravel | 40 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1010 15 |
| Solon R. Dodge, 3½ days and team | | 10 50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1020 65 |

Distance covered is about 20 miles.

BURPEE BLAKNEY SECTION.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Allotment | \$1000 00 | |
| Overdrawn | 94 48 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1094 48 |
| Burpee Blakney, team and labor | \$212 07 | |
| S. Blodgett, team | 28 85 | |
| J. Woods, team and labor | 15 85 | |
| E. Gilson, labor and gravel | 10 25 | |
| E. Williams, team | 78 00 | |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| F. Lewis, team | \$4 00 |
| C. Shattuck, team | 2 00 |
| S. Fletcher, labor | 71 13 |
| J. Crowley, labor | 80 55 |
| Buahanan, labor | 11 55 |
| F. Rodgers, labor | 26 00 |
| W. Souther, labor | 79 12 |
| C. Corey labor | 6 00 |
| F. Reynolds, labor | 11 55 |
| K. Fletcher, team and gravel | 78 50 |
| D. Toomey, labor | 1 50 |
| A. Smith, labor | 15 12 |
| P. Connolly, labor | 2 00 |
| G. Knapp, labor | 2 50 |
| J. Hill, team | 16 00 |
| Mr. Pelkey, labor | 2 00 |
| F. Moulton, labor | 14 00 |
| G. Bailey, labor | 9 00 |
| F. Stone, labor | 12 00 |
| R. Fletcher, labor | 18 44 |
| N. Woods, team | 28 00 |
| W. Whitehill, team | 43 00 |
| H. Gilson, team and gravel | 46 05 |
| F. Gale, team | 20 00 |
| N. Carkins, labor | 16 00 |
| P. Benedict, gravel | 6 30 |
| Mrs. Nutting, sand | 60 |
| A. Saunders, tecm | 16 00 |
| J. H. Sheedy & Co., tile and supplies | 36 72 |
| Shattuck's Store, cement | 39 81 |
| Nutting Bros., lumber | 8 52 |
| G. Smith, team and labor | 25 50 |
| | <hr/> \$1094 48 |

Distance covered by above is from 25 to 27 miles.

WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL SECTION — FOREMAN, SAMUEL
L. BLODGETT.

| Allotment | \$1000 00 |
|--|----------------|
| Chester L. Blodgett and team, 17½ days | \$140 00 |
| William Blodgett, 17½ days | 35 00 |
| Samuel L. Blodgett, 20½ days | 51 25 |
| Solomon Fletcher, 20 days | 40 00 |
| Walter Bennett, 8½ days | 17 00 |
| William H. Whitehill, 2½ days | 5 00 |
| Nesbit L. Woods and team, 6½ days | 26 00 |
| George Cotterell, 3½ days | 7 00 |
| A. Orange, 15 days | 30 00 |
| John Deharmia, 13 days | 26 00 |
| M. Martin, 4 days | 8 00 |
| Charles Blodgett and team, 4 days | 16 00 |
| Fred Reynolds, 1 day | 2 00 |
| M. Smith, 1 day | 2 00 |
| Howard L. Gilson and team, 1½ days | 6 00 |
| Samuel H. Raddin and team, 3 days | 12 00 |
| Raddin's hired man, 4½ days | 9 00 |
| John Crowley, 7 days | 14 00 |
| Charles Flavell, team, 2 days | 8 00 |
| John H. Blood, 4 days | 8 00 |
| H. H. Gay and team, 1 day | 4 00 |
| James Fitzpatrick, team, 1 day | 4 00 |
| George Floyd, team, 1 day | 4 00 |
| Warren H. Whitehill, team, 6½ days | 26 00 |
| Fred Blodgett and team, 5 hours | 2 25 |
| | <hr/> \$502 50 |

WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL SECTION.

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|--|---------|
| Warren Whitehill, 13 days | \$26 00 |
| Solomon Fletcher and team, 32½ days on railings | 76 75 |

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| Nutting Bros., railings and posts | \$65 12 | |
| Thomas Bywater, repairs and supplies | 11 70 | |
| Shattuck's Store, tools and supplies | 12 15 | |
| Arthur W. Shattuck, railings | 17 12 | |
| William H. Whitehill and team, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ days | 30 25 | |
| Burpee Blakney and team, 1 day | 4 00 | |
| Kennie P. Fletcher, team, 1 day | 4 00 | |
| K. P. Fletcher, 31 loads gravel | 4 65 | |
| Howard L. Gilson and team, 2 days | 8 00 | |
| Howard L. Gilson, 34 loads gravel | 5 10 | |
| A. A. Carkin, 1 day | 2 00 | |
| John Crowley, 1 day | 2 00 | |
| Robert E. Sargent, team | 12 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$281 79 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$784 29 |
| Unexpended balance | | 215 71 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1000 00 |

Estimated distance from 33 to 35 miles.

SNOW BILL—H. C. ROCKWOOD SECTION.

| | |
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| H. C. Rockwood, 62 hours | \$16 74 |
| Two horses, 34 hours | 7 48 |
| George Eddy, 59 hours | 12 98 |
| One horse, 28 hours | 3 08 |
| Repairs on snow plow | 1 75 |
| E. L. Blood and team, 15 hours | 6 67 |
| One man, 15 hours | 3 30 |
| Three men, 7 hours | 4 62 |
| R. Sargent, 8 hours | 1 78 |
| One man, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours | 1 44 |
| Team, 8 hours | 1 78 |
| Mr. Keating and team, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours | 4 75 |
| Three men, 4 hours | 2 64 |

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|---------------------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| One man, 2½ hours | \$ | 55 | |
| Charles Shattuck, labor and cash paid | | | |
| for labor Broad Meadow road | | 38 75 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$108 31 |

REMOVING SNOW—BURPEE BLAKNEY SECTION.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Everett C. Williams, cash paid | \$24 85 | |
| Edwin A. Shattuck | 7 20 | |
| Nutting Bros. | 39 75 | |
| Frank D. Lewis | 42 40 | |
| J. A. Sanderson | 24 80 | |
| Charles B. Shattuck | 15 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$154 50 |

REMOVING SNOW—WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL SECTION.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Nesbit L. Woods | \$18 96 | |
| James Fitzpatrick | 8 40 | |
| Henry H. Gay | 4 80 | |
| George A. Floyd | 16 30 | |
| Arthur C. Tuttle | 20 06 | |
| Samuel L. Blodgett | 8 30 | |
| W. H. Whitehill | 13 80 | |
| Samuel H. Raddin | 26 00 | |
| H. W. Flavell | 23 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$140 22 |

REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$200 00 |
| B. Blakney, team and labor | \$73 60 | |
| J. Crowley | 24 85 | |
| S. Fletcher | 9 50 | |
| E. Eaton | 2 00 | |
| Mr. Baker | 7 00 | |
| F. Rodgers | 88 | |

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|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Mr. Merriman | \$3 32 | |
| M. Souther | 1 00 | |
| Mr. Hickey | 2 00 | |
| D. Dilbert | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$125 15 |
| Old bill | | 23 40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$148 55 |
| Unexpended balance | | 51 45 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$200 00 |

SIDEWALKS IN WEST GROTON.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$500 00 | |
| Abutter's tax | 39 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$539 00 |
| H. C. Rockwood, 27 days, 7½ hours | \$57 08 | |
| Two horses, 22 days, 7½ hours | 45 65 | |
| Geo. Eddy, 21 days, 7½ hours | 43 65 | |
| F. F. Thompson, 13 days, 6 hours | 27 33 | |
| T. Crowley, 12 days, 6 hours | 25 33 | |
| D. P. Keyes, 11 days | 22 00 | |
| M. Glennon, 6 days, 3 hours | 12 66 | |
| Robert Sargent and team, 1 day | 4 00 | |
| W. V. Bixby, 6 loads of stone | 6 00 | |
| Mr. Jarvis, sand | 12 00 | |
| C. H. Hill, hay | 3 45 | |
| C. G. H. Bixby, 66 bbls. cement | 118 80 | |
| C. G. H. Bixby, cement bags | 38 | |
| A. H. Thompson, lumber | 22 92 | |
| C. G. H. Bixby, hardware and tile | 5 49 | |
| | <hr/> | \$406 74 |
| Unexpended balance | | 132 26 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$539 00 |

NEW CEMENT SIDEWALK ON MAIN STREET.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300 00 | |
| Abutters' tax | 41 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$341 00 |
| B. Blakney, team and labor | \$45 00 | |
| J. Hill, team | 16 00 | |
| W. Souther, labor | 24 00 | |
| J. Crowley, labor | 24 00 | |
| S. Fletcher, labor | 24 00 | |
| A. Smith, labor | 6 00 | |
| Mr. Pelkey, labor | 15 00 | |
| Nutting Bros., lumber | 19 09 | |
| Shattuck's Store, cement | 132 10 | |
| P. Benedict, sand | 4 20 | |
| Mrs. Nutting, sand | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$313 89 |
| Unexpended balance | | 27 11 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$341 00 |

WEST STREET SIDEWALK.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$75 00 |
| B. Blakney, team and labor | \$33 75 | |
| J. Hill, team | 9 00 | |
| E. Williams | 8 00 | |
| W. Souther | 6 00 | |
| S. Fletcher | 2 00 | |
| P. Benedict, gravel | 5 55 | |
| A. Smith | 6 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$70 30 |
| Balance unexpended | | 4 70 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$75 00 |

GUIDE POSTS AND BOARDS.

The undersigned, Road Commissioners of the Town of Groton, respectfully submit the following report of all places where guide posts and boards are erected and maintained within said town :

At the fork of the roads, near the following houses :
Moses E. French, Hollingsworth & Vose's Paper Mill, West Groton Depot, Dana School-house, Charles H. Hill, F. Lawrence Blood Farm, George F. Bailey, Lawrence Farmhouse, Lawrence School-house, Amory Lawrence, Albert W. Hartt, Charles Powell, Moors School-house, Levi W. Stone, Floretta Vining, Fannie E. Woods, Mrs. Lowe, Ridge Hill Tavern, East and West of James Sherburn's house, Frank Moulton, H. H. Gay, Howard Gilson, N. Dinan, P. J. Benedict, Charles Gerrish, Phineas Johnson, Thomas Lacy, East and West of Q. Lafavor's house, William Fullick, Henry C. Corey, D. R. Steere, Myron B. Swallow, Mrs. Daniel Needham, George W. Lewis, Chas. H. Woodward, William Ruppender, William Spaulding ; also, near Sand Hill and Cold Spring, and near house of Mrs. Willie F. Kemp. The posts and boards are in good condition.

WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
HERBERT C. ROCKWOOD,
BURPEE BLAKNEY,

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The undersigned Auditor of the Town of Groton has examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Tax Collector, Trustees of Dalrymple Fund, and Fourth of July Committee, and find them properly cast and vouched.

HENRY W. WHITING, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LUTHER BLOOD FREE PUBLIC LECTURE FUND.

Your trustees respectfully submit the following report
for the year ending March 15, 1907 :

Said trustees charge themselves with—

| | | |
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| Cash on hand March 15, 1906 | \$100 02 | |
| May 15, 1906, six months' interest to date | 100 00 | |
| Nov. 15, 1906, six months' interest to date | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$300 02 |

And credit themselves by—

| | | |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Amount paid lecturers | \$204 35 | |
| Amount paid for railroad tickets and carriages | 21 95 | |
| Amount paid for printing | 26 00 | |
| Amount paid for hotel bills | 27 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$279 55 |
| Cash on hand | | <hr/> \$20 47 |

THOMAS L. MOTLEY,
FRANK M. BLOOD,
FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD,

TRUSTEES.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF DALRYMPLE FUND.

FUND AS INVESTED MARCH 6, 1907.

Note of Geo. N. Wood, Wakefield, (secured by mortgage)
\$1500.00 at 5 %, \$75.00.

Note of Marshall Swallow, Groton, (secured by mortgage)
\$1000.00 at 5 %, \$50.00.

Amount of fund, \$2500.00 ; income, \$125.00.

| | | | |
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| | <i>Dr.</i> | | |
| To balance on hand | | \$5 49 | |
| 1 year's interest from Geo. N. Wood | | 75 00 | |
| 1½ years' interest from Marshall Swallow | | 50 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$130 49 |
| | <i>Cr.</i> | | |
| By paid David Downing | | \$4 00 | |
| Frank Swinington | | 5 00 | |
| Esther Gilson | | 2 00 | |
| Julia Brady | | 2 00 | |
| Mrs. Leonard | | 2 00 | |
| Mary McGrady | | 2 00 | |
| Mary E. Greenwood | | 4 00 | |
| Mrs. C. E. Greenwood | | 5 00 | |
| Warner Souther | | 6 00 | |
| Elizabeth McCarthy | | 11 50 | |
| Adolph Hieber | | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. William Lury | | 8 00 | |
| Lucilla Geary | | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Dennis Coughlin | | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Odber Folkins | | 6 00 | |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Parker | | 3 00 | |
| Mary E. Woods | | 8 50 | |
| Annie E. Woods | | 8 50 | |
| Frank Mason | | 2 00 | |
| Florence Mason | | 2 00 | |
| Solomon Fletcher | | 3 00 | |
| Julia Fitzgerald | | 8 00 | |
| Mrs. Lucy Geary | | 7 00 | |
| Marion Moulton | | 4 50 | |
| Martin J. O'Leary | | 10 50 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$129 50 |
| Cash on hand to balance | | | 99 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$130 49 |

EVERETT B. GERRISH, *Treasurer.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1907.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Due March 15, 1906, on 1904 tax | \$289 98 |
| Due March 15, 1906, on 1905 tax | 3,165 47 |
| Amount of 1906 tax | 33,707 44 |
| Interest collected | 55 93 |
| | <hr/> \$37,218 82 |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid in full on 1904 tax | \$289 98 |
| Paid in full on 1905 tax | 3015 12 |
| Paid in full on 1906 tax | 30,616 62 |
| Paid interest | 55 93 |
| | <hr/> \$33,977 65 |
| | <hr/> \$3,241 17 |

AMOUNT DUE.

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Due on 1905 tax | \$150 35 |
| Due on 1906 tax | 3,090 82 |
| | <hr/> \$3,241 17 |

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. WILLIAMS, *Collector.*

Groton, March 14, 1907.

GROTON, March 14, 1907.

The undersigned Auditor of the Town of Groton has examined the books and and accounts of the Tax Collector and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY W. WHITING, *Auditor.*

LIST OF JURORS

AS REVISED AND POSTED BY THE SELECTMEN MARCH 12, 1907.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Ames, Amos L., Jr., | Baker. |
| Benedict, Percy J., | Farmer. |
| Blodgett, Samuel L., | Farmer. |
| Boutelle, Clinton T., | Farmer. |
| Blood, Andrew J., | Clerk |
| Clough, Thomas J., | Farmer. |
| Coburn, Moses B., | Carpenter. |
| Culver, James F., | Farmer. |
| Donahue, Thomas F., | Carpenter. |
| Donahue, Thomas F., Jr., | Clerk. |
| Fernald, William H., | Farmer. |
| Gay, Henry H., | Farmer. |
| Gilson, Howard L., | Farmer. |
| Graham, Daniel, | Wheelwright. |
| Haley, Patrick, | Laborer. |
| Harrington, Charles A., | Painter. |
| Hill, James T., | Farmer. |
| Hodgman, George E., | Provision Dealer. |
| Hunkins, J. Hoit, | Retired. |
| Lane, Warren F., | Teamster. |
| Lindall, Henry C., | Farmer. |
| Moore, William A., | Merchant. |
| Palmer, Frank H., | Farmer. |
| Raddin, Samuel H., | Farmer. |
| Rockwood, Herbert C., | Farmer. |
| Shattuck, Arthur W., | Farmer. |
| Sherwin, Frederick A., | Coal and Grain. |
| Smith, George L., | Farmer. |
| Souther, Morton A., | Painter. |
| Stevens, George T., | Baker. |
| Strand, Lawrence G., | Blacksmith. |
| Torrey, Fred H., | Postmaster. |
| Williams, Everett C., | Farmer. |

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

The principal work of the past season has been the trimming off and removal of the dead wood from the public trees of the Town. The large elm trees that line Main Street, and are also present in other parts of the town, had not been trimmed for years, and many of them were filled with dead limbs of large size overhanging the street and sidewalks, the fall of which might cause a serious accident. To remove these required the employment of expert tree climbers. These were employed and the work done as far as in the judgment of the Tree Warden the amount of the appropriation justified.

At the call of the Road Commissioners and the Selectmen, together with the requests of citizens a large amount of road trimming has been done, and still more is necessary. During the season in all the work done on trees and roadsides, but one gypsy moth was found, but a scouting party of seven men of the State force after a three weeks' canvass of the town reported as finding five gypsy moth nests and one pupæ (empty), all on private property.

The elm beetle made its appearance again this year, and although not to so large an extent as in former years, yet enough to render the spraying of some of the trees on Main Street and others necessary, which was done.

In making his expenditures during the season the Tree Warden in his judgment had reserved enough of the appropriation to go over the roads and secure the brown tail moths, and work on this was commenced as soon as the leaves were off the trees so as to get at them, but it was found that owing to the increase in the moths, with the higher rate of wages for labor, that the amount reserved was not sufficient, so the appeal to the town for more was appropriate.

I would recommend the appropriation of such a sum as will continue the work of trimming the dead wood out of the large trees as well as the trimming of the roadside of brush and wild cherry trees which afford a breeding place for all the insect pests we are troubled with.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WOOLLEY,

TREE WARDEN.

REPORT OF JULY FOURTH COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed at the last annual Town Meeting for the purpose of expending the appropriation made under Article 17 in the warrant reports as follows :

The amount of the appropriation did not justify the committee in attempting the usual observance as conducted in recent years. It was decided that the entire appropriation for the occasion be expended for fireworks, and a contract was made with the well-known firm of Masten & Wells Fireworks Manufacturing Company, they to assume all responsibility and furnish the display for the amount of the appropriation, namely, \$100.00.

The committee having in charge the band concerts for the season kindly arranged with the Groton Cornet Band to furnish music during the evening, their services to be considered as one of the regular concerts of the season.

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| Amount of appropriation | \$100 00 |
| Contract with Masten & Wells Fire- works Mfg. Co. | \$100 00 |

MICHAEL SHEEDY, JR.
HENRY W. WHITING,

COMMITTEE.

Groton, Mass., March 9, 1907.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

The Board of Engineers respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 11, 1907 :

The Board organized with a choice of James B. Harrington Chief, John H. Sheedy 1st Assistant, Michael McGowan 2nd Assistant.

The property of the department is in good condition.

FIRES RESPONDED TO BY COMPANY NO. 1.

April 3, 1906, brush fire near Hazel Grove.

April 17, grass and brush fire on land of Mr. E. Clark.

April 17, 1906, grass fire, Lawrence playground.

May 4, 1906, brush fire on lann of Condon heirs.

May 16, 1906, an alarm at 4.30 a. m. for building owned and occupied by Mrs. Albert Munroe. Owing to the delay in giving the alarm the buildings were entirely destroyed.

May 19, 1906, an alarm for fire on woodland owned by J. B. Raddin near town farm, responded to by Companies No. 1 and No. 2.

Sept. 3, 1906, a small building owned by Mrs. Augustus Woods was burned. No alarm given.

Oct. 14, 1906, an alarm at 2 P.M., for fire at the Groton Inn. Company responded very quickly; fire was soon put out.

Oct. 14, 1906, brush fire on land owned by Nutting Bros. and H. P. Tainter.

Feb. 19, 1907, an alarm at 12 o'clock, noon, fire in Baptist church; had not gained much headway when discovered; was soon put out.

There have been a number of chimney fires attended to by members of the Department without a general alarm.

FIRES RESPONDED TO BY COMPANY NO. 2, WEST GROTON.

April 18, 1906, forest fires on land of H. C. Rockwood, Mrs. Hartwell and F. R. Hardon.

Oct. 17, brush fire on land of H. E. Kemp.

Nov. 7, 1906, fire on land of W. V. Bixby and H. E. Kemp.

JAMES B. HARRINGTON,
JOHN H. SHEEDY,
MICHAEL F. MCGOWAN,
BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1907 :

The number of contagious diseases reported to the Board during the year were as follows :

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| Diphtheria | 2 cases |
| Scarlet fever | 3 cases |
| Measles | 98 cases |

In addition to these there were many cases of measles which were not reported, as they should have been according to law. Throughout the spring there were also many cases of whooping-cough and chicken-pox.

According to a recent law all animals slaughtered for food which are to be taken into another state must be inspected and approved by the local Board of Health. Nine such inspections were made by a representative of the Board, and in each case the meat was found free from disease.

SOLON R. DODGE,
HERBERT B. PRIEST,
HERBERT C. ROCKWOOD,
BOARD OF HEALTH.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Lawrence Playground has been used during the past season to as full an extent as possible in its present condition. A plot of ground was appropriated for the school gardens that have been so successfully conducted in past seasons. The Tennis Court was put in condition early in the season and was in constant use until early Autumn.

The great need of the playground is a suitable base ball field. Interest in the national game does not appear to lag, as is evidenced by the large attendance at the games on Shumway Field, which, since its completion, has been used by the townspeople when not in use by the students of Lawrence Academy. This arrangement, however, is but temporary and may be terminated at any time. The Commissioners believe the town should seriously consider the advisability of making an appropriation sufficient to put the Lawrence Playground in such condition that those results anticipated by the donor of the land will be realized.

Mention should be made in this report of the good work that is being accomplished by the Village Improvement Society. Their interest in the public grounds and school yards is commendable, and their activities and good works should stir our citizens to greater effort in the direction of more public improvements and greater and larger public spirit, to the end that this beautiful town of Groton may not be lacking in those essentials that appeal to a traveler passing through our streets, or to the seeker of a home who looks beyond the city limits or suburban sleeping places.

We regret to report that the Memorial Tablet opposite the residence of F. M. Boutwell was badly disfigured during the year. Complaint was made of the culprit, and he was brought before the District Court where, in view of his age and other circumstances he was placed on probation. Later the same offender was before the Court on another charge and he has been placed in a suitable institution where delinquent and wayward children are properly cared for. Arrangements have been made for putting the tablet in proper condition at an early day.

The unexpended balance will be required for the completion of the roadway from Main Street to the playground, and the repairs on the Memorial Tablet. Commissioners recommend that \$100.00 be raised and appropriated and that the revenue from the playground be placed at their disposal.

MICHAEL SHEEDY, JR.,
BURT M. BRISTOL,
LAURENCE E. BLOOD,

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS IN 1906.

| DATE. | NAME. | PARENTS. |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| January. | | |
| 12 | Effie Agnes Gaetz, | Walter and Mary J. (Cubby). |
| February. | | |
| 10 | Illegitimate. | |
| 24 | Roger Franklin Reid, | Frederick L. and Ada E. (Hartwell). |
| 27 | Stillborn. | |
| March. | | |
| 4 | Dorothy Lucille Kelley, | Henry D. and Ava L. (Lancey). |
| 6 | Robert Moison, | George L. and Mabel C. (Raddin). |
| 15 | Eugene Clinton Boutelle, | Clinton T. and Eliza J. (Lyon). |
| 16 | Hollis Samuel Harrington, | George A. and Sarah A. (Richards). |
| 19 | Illegitimate. | |
| April. | | |
| 2 | Mary Josephine Raddin, | Charles M. and Mary (Devine). |
| 7 | Effie Adeline Carkin, | Albert N. and Laura M. (Gilson). |
| 29 | George C. Gould, | George B. and Grace (Hubbard). |
| May. | | |
| 20 | Katharine Bridget Freeman, | John C. and Annie (White). |
| 28 | Grace Brown Davis, | Walter M. and Emma F. (Brown). |
| July. | | |
| 22 | Joseph Warren Lawrence, | Charles and Sarah E. (Seavey). |
| 30 | Mabel Elizabeth Mausur, | Charles and Fanny (Short). |
| August. | | |
| 3 | Carl Leroy Sawtell, | William E. and Altah A. (Anderson). |
| 20 | Bernice Butler Souther, | Howard B. and May (Potter). |
| 25 | Albert Leroy Trefethen, | Francis L. and Edith M. (Harrington). |
| 25 | Joseph Levesque, | Joseph and Ida (Leflamme). |
| September. | | |
| 1 | Eleanor Palmer, | Frank H. and Edda M. (Blakney). |
| 3 | Joseph Henry Chatrand, | William C. and Mary (Lucier). |
| 14 | Stillborn. | |

| DATE. | NAME. | PARENTS. |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| October. | | |
| 23 | Stillborn. | |
| November. | | |
| 19 | Harold Spaulding Green, } Hazel Green, | Arthur K. and Jessie A. (Spaulding). |
| December. | | |
| 4 | Elizabeth May Bates, | Arthur F. and Mary E. (Jarvis). |
| 4 | Walter Gordon Collyer, | Albert E. and Annie (Moran). |
| 31 | James Hatch Sherwin, | Daniel A. and Elizabeth M. (Bywater). |
| 31 | Margaret Moylan, | Dennis and Margaret (Colman). |

1902. PREVIOUSLY OMITTED.

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| January. | | |
| 18 | Dwight Theodore Flavell, | Herbert W. and Bessie G. (Sherburne). |
| 1905. | | |
| April. | | |
| 22 | Vivian Josephine Boutelle, | Clinton T. and Eliza J. (Lyon). |

MARRIAGES IN 1906.

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | RESIDENCE. |
|----------|----------------------------|------|------------|
| January. | | | |
| 10 | John Lincoln Gilson, | 28 | Groton. |
| | Alice Clarke, | 26 | Groton. |
| 23 | Alfred Joseph LaPlante, | 24 | Lawrence. |
| | Mary Julia Brennan, | 21 | Groton. |
| March. | | | |
| 5 | Joseph Carter, | 26 | Lowell. |
| | Matilda Wimsey, | 25 | Groton. |
| 17 | Forest E. Stiles, | 22 | Lowell. |
| | Ellen L. Baker, | 22 | Groton. |
| April. | | | |
| 12 | Frank Walter Davis, | 38 | Groton. |
| | Emma Gates, | 19 | Groton. |
| 15 | Bartholomew James Crowley, | 34 | Groton. |
| | Katharine Agnes Powers, | 37 | Boston. |
| 28 | Fred Moulton, | 18 | Groton. |
| | Margaret Rosanna Gates, | 17 | Groton. |
| May. | | | |
| 14 | Augustus Noah Moulton, | 25 | Groton. |
| | Ellen Arvilla Blood, | 18 | Groton. |

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | RESIDENCE. |
|------------|----------------------------|------|--------------------|
| May. | | | |
| 30 | John Edward Carey, | 22 | West Groton. |
| | Katherine Train, | 18 | West Groton. |
| June. | | | |
| 1 | Edmund Derby Collier, | 25 | Groton. |
| | Grace Barnes Gilman, | 22 | West Somerville. |
| 6 | William Sidney Nutter, | 26 | Groton. |
| | Annie Maria Lowe, | 30 | Groton. |
| 6 | William Varnum Bixby, | 45 | West Groton. |
| | Mary Matilda Rudolph, | 26 | Ayer. |
| 20 | Charles Henry Choate, | 34 | Lawrence. |
| | Mary Pauline Culver, | 21 | Groton. |
| 30 | Richard Schlott, | 27 | Fitchburg. |
| | Mary Wimsey, | 26 | Groton. |
| July. | | | |
| 2 | Clarence E. Jackson, | 53 | Littleton. |
| | Lizzie McLeod, | 39 | Littleton. |
| 14 | Joseph Fremont Small, | 49 | Portsmouth, N. H. |
| | Grace Adejia Culver, | 37 | Groton. |
| September. | | | |
| 1 | Fred O. Parker, | 30 | Pepperell. |
| | Mary C. Mason, | 27 | Groton. |
| 1 | James Hafer Elder, | 26 | Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. |
| | Mary Hall Oleson, | 25 | Groton. |
| 3 | Roy Adrian Cunningham, | 22 | Beverly. |
| | Effie Fettyplace Lefavour, | 24 | Beverly. |
| 8 | Herbert Lewis Bosquet, | 34 | Groton. |
| | Maud Bertha Bailey, | 26 | Groton. |
| 26 | John Henry Boynton, | 35 | Groton. |
| | Bertha Frances Tarbell, | 31 | Pepperell. |
| 26 | William Albert Blodgett, | 24 | Groton. |
| | Mary Cotterell, | 26 | Forge Village. |
| 26 | Ambrose Carson, | 21 | Groton. |
| | Lillian May Veno, | 17 | Townsend. |
| October. | | | |
| 10 | James H. O'Connell, | 42 | Ayer. |
| | Regina Ruppender, | 25 | Groton. |
| 17 | Frank Appleton Torrey, | 31 | Groton. |
| | Marion Brigham Needham, | 24 | Groton. |
| December. | | | |
| 12 | Clarence Arthur Tuttle, | 22 | Groton. |
| | Cora Harrington, | 19 | West Groton. |

DEATHS IN 1906.

| DATE. | NAME. | BIRTHPLACE. | AGE. | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| | | | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. |
| January. | | | | | |
| 10 | James Fitzgerald, | Ireland, | 75 | | |
| 13 | Silas Davidson Gustin, | Marlow, N. H., | 80 | 2 | 25 |
| 20 | Bridget (Cleary) Fitzgerald, | Ireland, | 45 | | |
| February. | | | | | |
| 1 | Clara B. Hamor, | Hulls Cove, Me., | 68 | 9 | |
| 4 | William Spaulding, | Milford, N. H., | 84 | 1 | 25 |
| 22 | Susan Maria (Holmes) Canney, | Sharon, | 56 | 4 | 4 |
| 27 Stillborn. | | | | | |
| March. | | | | | |
| 4 | Margaret Coyne, | Ireland, | 80 | | |
| 7 | William F. O'Connell, | Ayer, | 16 | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | Frank E. Turner, | Newton, | 52 | 5 | 19 |
| April. | | | | | |
| 23 | Michael Sheedy, | Ireland, | 81 | 5 | 6 |
| May. | | | | | |
| 11 | James Sherburne, | Tyngsborough, | 66 | 1 | 4 |
| 17 | Irena Augusta (Hancock) Clark, | Boston, | 82 | 11 | 15 |
| 27 | Martha A. (McKee) Potter, | Stanbridge, Quebec, | 69 | 5 | 16 |
| June. | | | | | |
| 2 | Hector Levesque, | Groton, | | 9 | 7 |
| 5 | Shelby Higgins Sawyer, | Alton, Ill., | 64 | 4 | 12 |
| 14 | Joseph Nicholas Dinan, | Groton, | 32 | 5 | 17 |
| 26 | Catherine Mahoney, | Ireland, | 54 | | |
| 29 | Ann (Keyes) Smith, | Dunstable, | 92 | | 7 |
| July. | | | | | |
| 5 | Julia A. (Balser) Smith, | Port George, N. S., | 56 | 6 | |
| 15 | George Hapgood, | Bolton, | 49 | 2 | 3 |
| 30 | Zephaniah Sanderson, | Groton, | 60 | 7 | 16 |
| August. | | | | | |
| 18 | Leroy Ellsworth Gleason, | Groton, | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 28 | Margaret Tresa Sullivan, | Groton, | 32 | 1 | |
| September. | | | | | |
| 1 | Eleanor Palmer, | Groton. | | | |
| 14 | Stillborn. | | | | |
| 25 | Clarence Harris, | Charleston, S. C., | 44 | 1 | 10 |
| October. | | | | | |
| 3 | James Bowen, | Ireland, | 48 | | |
| 4 | Luther Eleazer Lane, | Lunenburg, | 78 | 5 | 26 |
| 6 | Ellen A. Smith (Brennan), | Randolph, | 53 | | |
| 23 | Johannah A. (Crowley) Woods, | Groton Junction, | 38 | 2 | 12 |
| 23 Stillborn. | | | | | |

| DATE. | NAME. | BIRTHPLACE. | AGE. | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|------|---|----|
| November. | | | | | |
| 11 | Mary Sullivan Cleary, | Ireland, | 75 | | |
| December. | | | | | |
| 16 | Susan Dalrymple Warren, | Groton, | 86 | 1 | 21 |
| 18 | Mary E. (Bixby) Woods, | Westford, | 87 | 6 | 11 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

| | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Births, | 36 | 28 | 30 | 24 | 30 |
| Marriages, | 10 | 19 | 19 | 14 | 26 |
| Deaths, | 34 | 47 | 23 | 42 | 35 |

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks to parents, householders, physicians and midwives for returns of births, as required by Chapter 29, Revised Laws.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

DOG REPORT.

| | |
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| Number of licenses issued | 172 |
| Amount paid County Treasurer as per receipts on file | \$378 00 |

TOWN WARRANT FOR APRIL 2, 1906.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the second day of April next, at eight and one-half o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their ballots for a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Treasurer, two School Committees, one for three years and one for one year, two Auditors, one member of the Board of Health for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years each, one Trustee of the Luther Blood Free Public Lecture Fund for three years, Collector of Taxes and three Constables, two Park Commissioners, one for three years and one for two years, one Tree Warden for one year, three Road Commissioners, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; also, to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will be open at eight and one-half o'clock A. M. and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.

Also to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To Choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other town officers.

Art. 3. To choose all town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. To see if the town will accept or alter the list of jurors as revised and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Engineers, Forest Firewards, and Enginemen for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money, in anticipation of taxes for the year 1906 as may be necessary for current expenses.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the decoration of soldiers' graves, or take any action in relation to same.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars for the care of the old burying ground, or pass any vote in relation to the same.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars to care for the clock in the Baptist Church.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the protection of shade trees in the town, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 13. To see if the town will rescind the vote whereby they voted to elect three Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to build a sidewalk from the end of the present walk, at the house of M. F. McGowan to the house of James Fallon, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of having band concerts, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build a sidewalk from the property of Michael Moran to the land of J. T. Shepley, on the road from West Groton to Pepperell, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the celebration of Fourth of July, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to build a sidewalk from Main Street to Whiting Avenue, on West Street, or tske any action in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to extend the cement sidewalk on the westerly side of Main Street, from corner of Elm Street by land of Catholic Church, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise the pay of road laborers to two dollars per day, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to renew and improve the heating system in the Butler School building, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to pay A. A. Carkin the sum of twenty-five dollars to reimburse him for money paid on account of accident received by him while working for the town, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sidewalk on the south side

of Pleasant Street, from the house of Myron P. Swallow to Dodge Cottage, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to close the road across the Common in front of the house of Mrs. E. G. Lowe, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five dollars for the purpose of running the Lawrence fountain.

Art. 26. To see if the town will appoint an appropriation committee, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 27. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

And you will serve this Warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton, also at the Post Office in West Groton, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

FRANK A. TORREY,
FRANCIS F. WOODS,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 2, 1906.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the voters of the town met at time and place specified.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Charles Woolley unanimously chosen.

Art. 2. After discussion it was voted to lay this article upon the table until the Treasurer should make his appearance, in order to hear his report as to number of state road notes outstanding. After hearing from him the report was accepted.

Art. 3. The following officers were chosen.

Fence Viewers—Charles Bixby, Joseph B. Raddin, William A. Parkhurst.

Field Drivers—Jerome C. Shattuck, Herbert C. Rockwood, Wheeler W. Ames.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—Charles B. Baldwin, J. Hoit Hunkins, Grant W. Shattuck.

Surveyors of Lumber—Charles B. Baldwin, Samuel L. Blodgett, Ansel M. Shattuck, James F. Shattuck, J. Hoit Hunkins.

Pound Keeper—George S. Chase.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate as follows :

| | |
|--|-----------|
| For Schools | \$7500 00 |
| School incidentals | 1600 00 |
| Transportation | 500 00 |
| Superintendent | 750 00 |
| Musical instruction | 375 00 |
| Drawing | 300 00 |
| Public Library, dog tax, unexpended balance 1905 and | 1000 00 |
| Roads and bridges | 3500 00 |
| Removing snow from roads | 1000 00 |
| Removing snow from sidewalks | 200 00 |
| Town incidentals | 2000 00 |
| Support of poor | 2100 00 |
| Soldiers' relief | 100 00 |
| Fire department | 1900 00 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| For Fire department, use of forest firewards | \$100 00 |
| Hydrant service | 1125 00 |
| Salary of Selectmen. | 500 00 |
| Board of Health, including salaries | 75 00 |
| Interest on notes | 500 00 |
| Street lamps | 900 00 |
| Salary of Treasurer | 125 00 |
| To pay state road notes | 2000 00 |
| Memorial day | 75 00 |
| Care of old burying ground | 40 00 |
| Care of clock in tower of Baptist church | 20 00 |
| Protection of shade trees | 1000 00 |
| Sidewalk in West Groton | 500 00 |
| Band concerts | 150 00 |
| Fireworks for 4th of July | 100 00 |
| Sidewalk, West Street | 75 00 |
| Sidewalk, Main Street | 300 00 |
| Heating system for Butler School Building | 2000 00 |
| Lawrence fountain | 65 00 |
| Lawrence play ground, income from park unexpended balance and | 50 00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$32,525 00 |

Art. 5. Voted that a discount of three per cent. be allowed on all taxes paid on or before September 1, 1906, and if not paid before the first day of December the delinquent will be served with a summons, and the tax and costs, together with the interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum be charged and collected according to law, the collector to receive one per cent. for collection.

Art. 6. After excusing Eugene O. Collier and Samuel L. Blodgett at their request, and adding names of Michael F. Cronin and Stillman Gilpatrick, the amended list was accepted.

Art. 7. Voted same pay as last year.

Art. 8. Voted unanimously that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Groton in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of a majority of the board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate thirty thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the note is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 9. Voted to raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate forty dollars (\$40.00).

Art. 11. Voted to raise and appropriate twenty dollars (\$20.00).

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

Art. 13. Voted not to rescind said vote.

Art. 14. Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or so much of it as may be necessary.

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Chair. Committee appointed, Robert Forbes and Patrick L. Donahue.

Art. 16. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for fireworks. Committee to expend the same, Michael Sheedy, Jr., and Henry W. Whiting.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or so much of it as may be needed.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Art. 20. Voted to raise the pay of road laborers to two dollars (\$2.00) per day.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2000.00).

Art. 22. Voted to pay A. A. Carkin twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), said sum to be paid from appropriation for protection of shade trees.

Art. 23. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 24. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Park Commissioners, to close road if they think best and have the right to do so.

Art. 25. Voted to raise and appropriate sixty-five dollars (\$65.00).

Art. 26. Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to serve without pay as such committee. Committee appointed: Frank L. Blood, Charles Bixby, M. Joseph Cleary; said committee to hold two or more public meetings before the annual meeting to consider appropriations needed, and render a report at annual meeting.

Art. 27. Indefinitely postponed.

Voted to take a recess till 4 o'clock, at which time the polls may be closed.

Art. 4. Reopened. Voted to raise fifty dollars and to appropriate said fifty dollars, together with income and unexpended balances from appropriations heretofore made, for maintenance of Lawrence play ground, for use of Park Commissioners the present year.

The polls were closed at 4.02 o'clock P. M. The result of the balloting for town officers was as follows:

Selectmen—Clinton T. Boutelle, 162; *Jeremiah F. Ryan, 224; *Frank A. Torrey, 220; *William H. Whitehill, 239; Blanks, 220.

Assessors—Clinton T. Boutelle, 159; *Jeremiah F. Ryan, 213; *Frank A. Torrey, 214; *William H. Whitehill, 239; Blanks, 240.

Overseers of the Poor—Clinton T. Boutelle, 157; Jeremiah F. Ryan, 211; *Frank A. Torrey, 215; *William H. Whitehill, 236; Blanks, 246.

Town Clerk—*Appleton H. Torrey, 286; Scattering 1; Blanks, 68.

Treasurer—*Grant W. Shattuck, 288; Blanks, 67.

Trustees of Public Library—*William Amory Gardner, 257; *Martha P. Lawrence, 244; Scattering, 1; Blanks, 208.

Board of Health—*Solon R. Dodge, 270; Scattering, 2; Blanks, 83.

Trustee Luther Blood Fund—*Frank M. Blood, 262; Blanks, 83.

Trustee of Dalrymple Fund—*William A. Moore, 264; Scattering, 2; Blanks, 91.

School Committee, 3 years—*Gardner H. Rockwood, 256; Scattering, 5; Blanks, 94.

School Committee, 1 year — *Herbert B. Priest, 265; scattering, 1; blanks, 89.

Park Commissioner, 3 years — *Laurence E. Blood, 250; blanks, 105.

Park Commissioner, 2 years — *Burt M. Bristol, 233; scattering, 1; blanks, 121.

Tree Warden—Robert Forbes, 120; *Charles Woolley, 180; scattering 1; blanks, 54.

Road Commissioner, 3 years — *William H. Whitehill, 257; scattering, 1; blanks, 97.

Road Commissioner, 2 years — *Herbert C. Rockwood, 198 ; scattering, 2 ; blanks, 155.

Road Commissioner, 1 year — *Burpee Blakney, 179 ; I. Melvin Mansur, 63 ; blanks, 113.

Auditors—*George H. Bixby, 250 ; *Henry W. Whiting, 21 ; scattering, 34 ; blanks, 405.

Collector of Taxes—*Samuel P. Williams, 263 ; scattering, 3 ; blanks, 89.

Constables—*John Herbert Hynes, 256 ; Jerome C. Shattuck, 227 ; *George A. Tuttle, 228 ; scattering 4 ; blanks, 350.

“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?” Yes, 104 ; No, 180 ; blanks, 71.

The meeting was dissolved at 7.52 o'clock P. M.

*Candidates elected.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, JUNE 21, 1906.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday evening, the twenty-first day of June current, at eight o'clock, to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the town will appropriate an additional sum of money to meet the further requirements of the State Police, regarding the Butler High School Building, or take any action in relation to the same.

And you will serve this Warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton; also at the Post Office at West Groton, eight days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

PROCEEDINGS JUNE 21, 1906.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the warrant read.

Article 1. Charles Woolley unanimously chosen.

Art. 2. Voted that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800.00) be appropriated for the purpose, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum.

The meeting was dissolved.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL STATE ELECTION,
NOVEMBER 6, 1906.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in state, county and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, at seven and one-half o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes on one ticket for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, a Representative to represent the fourth Congressional district in the next Congress of the United States, Councillor for district number six, a Senator to represent the eighth Middlesex district in the next General Court, a Representative to represent the twelfth Middlesex district in the next General Court, one County Commissioner, one Clerk of Courts, one Register of Deeds and one County Treasurer.

The polls will be opened at seven and one-half o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at twelve and one-half o'clock in the afternoon.

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton, also at the Post Office at West Groton, eight days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings hereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of October,
A. D., 1906.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 6, 1906.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the voters of the town met at the time and place specified.

The polls were opened at 7.35 A. M. and closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

Party Designations—S. G. R., State Government Reform; S, Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; R, Republican; P, Prohibition; I. L., Independence League; D, Democrat.

For Governor—Gamaliel Bradford, S. G. R., 1; James F. Carey, S., 18; William H. Carroll, S. L., 1; Curtis Guild, Jr., R., 209; John B. Moran, P., 9; John B. Moran, I. L., 10; John B. Moran, D., 42; John B. Moran, 8; Blanks, 7.

Lieutenant Governor—E. Gerry Brown, I. L. and D., 66; Hervey S. Cowell, P., 5; Eben S. Draper, R., 190; Walter J. Hoar, S. L., 4; John F. Mullen, S., 20; Blanks, 20.

Secretary—Joao Claudino, S. L., 0; Jonathan S. Lewis, P., 4; Ambrose Mills, S., 23; William M. Olin, R., 199; Charles C. Paine, I. L. and D., 58; Blanks, 21.

Treasurer—Arthur B. Chapin, R., 195; George B. Cushman, S., 21; S. Frederick French, P., 5; George M. Harrigan, I. L. and D., 60; David F. Richardson, S. L., 3; Blanks, 21.

Auditor—Albert Barnes, S. L., 0; Thomas L. Hisgen, I. L. and D., 58; Fred L. Johnson, S., 20; James F. Pease, P., 4; Henry E. Turner, R., 189; Blanks, 34.

Attorney General—Allen Coffin, P., 8; Dana Malone, R., 188; Arthur E. Reimer, S. L. 1; John Weaver, S., 17; John A. Thayer, D., 68; Blanks, 23.

Representative in Congress—Timothy Richardson, S., 38; Charles Q. Tirrell, R., 206; F. Lawrence Blood, 1; Blanks, 60.

Councillor—John C. Call, S. 23; Edward Gallagher, D., 55; Seward W. Jones, R., 194; Blanks, 33.

Senator—Edmund Baker, S., 30; Horton H. Hilton, R., 183; John J. McManmon, D., 61; Blanks, 31.

Representative in General Court—Frank Mason, S., 25; Frederick H. Parker, D., 72; Waldo Spaulding, R., 185; blanks, 23.

County Commissioner—Oscar J. Johnson, S., 24; Patrick E. Sullivan, D., 52; Samuel O. Upham, R., 194; blanks, 35.

Clerk of Courts—Theodore C. Hurd, R., 196; Charles E. McCarthy, D., 56; Frank A. Torrey, 1; blanks, 52.

Register of Deeds—Edwin O. Childs, R., 202; Seymour J. Milliken, S., 28; blanks, 75.

County Treasurer—Joseph O. Hayden, R., 198; John O'Brien, D., 52; William Parker, S., 24; blanks, 31.

The meeting was dissolved at 5.15 P. M.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN CLERK'S MEETING IN DIST. NO. 12.

GROTON, November 16, 1906.

We, the undersigned subscribers, Town Clerks of Ashby, Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Tyngsboro, comprising Representative District number twelve, met this day at noon, in Groton, and examined and compared the transcripts of votes cast for Representative in General Court, November 6, 1906, and ascertained that Waldo Spaulding of Pepperell was elected Representative from said District. And the following is a complete return of all the votes cast for Representative in the district, the names of all the persons voted for and the number of votes for each person :

| | Ashby | Dunstable | Groton | Pepperell | Shirley | Townsend | Tyngsboro' | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|------------|-------|
| Frank Mason, Groton, | 4 | 0 | 25 | 17 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 59 |
| Frederick H. Parker, Pepperell, | 17 | 25 | 72 | 254 | 53 | 66 | 21 | 508 |
| Waldo Spaulding, Pepperell, | 76 | 31 | 185 | 220 | 118 | 157 | 66 | 853 |
| Blanks, | 19 | 2 | 23 | 30 | 23 | 47 | 8 | 152 |
| Whole number of Ballots, | 116 | 58 | 305 | 521 | 200 | 277 | 95 | 1572 |

WALTER J. SMITH, *Town Clerk of Ashby.*
 ARTHUR N. HALL, *Town Clerk of Dunstable.*
 APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk of Groton.*
 PARKER J. KEMP, *Town Clerk of Pepperell.*
 HERMAN S. HAZEN, *Town Clerk of Shirley.*
 GEORGE A. WILDER, *Town Clerk of Townsend.*
 WM. BLANCHARD, *Town Clerk of Tyngsboro'.*

TOWN WARRANT FOR JANUARY 14, 1907.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fourteenth day of January current, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen regarding letting the Town Hall to local parties for the purpose of rehearsal, or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the further suppression of the "brown tail moth" or take any action in relation to the same.

And you will serve this Warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton ; also at the Post Office at West Groton, eight days at least, before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings hereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 14, 1907.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the warrant read.

Article 1. Charles Woolley unanimously chosen.

Art. 2. After discussion of question it was voted to instruct the Selectmen to let the people of the town have the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of rehearsal for the sum of one dollar per evening.

The meeting then adjourned without date.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 1907.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton:

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1907, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To see what action the town will take upon that part of Sec. 2 of the Acts of the year 1906 (approved April 10, 1906), that follows :

“Cities and towns by such public officer or board, as they shall designate or appoint, shall, under the advice and general direction of said Superintendent, destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests of the gypsy and brown-tail moths within their limits, except in parks and other prop-

erty under the control of the Commonwealth, and except in private property, save as otherwise provided herein."

Art. 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to comply with the requirements of Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, relating to suppressing the gypsy and brown-tail moth.

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton, also at the Post Office at West Groton, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings hereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1907.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WM. H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,

SELECTMEN OF GROTON.

PROCEEDINGS MARCH 5, 1907.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the warrant read.

Article 1. Charles Woolley unanimously chosen.

Art. 2. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint an agent to carry out the provisions of said Sec. 2. Said appointment to hold only until the Annual Meeting in April.

Art. 3. Voted that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) be appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for the suppression of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

The meeting was dissolved.

APPLETON H. TORREY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Groton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the first day of April next, at eight and one-half o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their ballots for a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Treasurer, School Committee, for three years, two Auditors, one member of the Board of Health for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years each, one Trustee of the Luther Blood Free Public Lecture Fund for three years, Collector of Taxes and three Constables, two Park Commissioners, one for three years and one for two years, one Road Commissioner, for three years, one Tree Warden; also, to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will be opened at eight and one-half o'clock A. M. and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.

Also to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To Choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept or alter the list of jurors as revised and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Engineers, Forest Firewards, and Enginemen for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes for the year 1907 as may be necessary for current expenses.

ART. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to repair the Butler School building, or take any action in relation to same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a school physician as required by law or take any action in relation to same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build, renew or repair the bridge over river near Paper Mill, or take any action in relation to same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the protection of shade trees in the town, or take any action in relation to same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to build a sidewalk from the end of the present walk, at the house of James Fallon, toward the Paper Mill, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of having band concerts, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build a sidewalk from the property of Michael Moran to the land of J. T. Shepley,

on the road from West Groton to Pepperell, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the celebration of Fourth of July, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of ninety dollars for the purpose of running the Lawrence fountain.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to furnish a suitable lock-up in town.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a cement walk in front of the store of W. A. Moore & Co., or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to sell enough pine lumber from the Town Farm to build a silo and repair the barn, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to paint the Town Hall and Squannacook Hall and the Town Farm house, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a walk from the sidewalk to the Hall in West Groton.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build an additional toilet room in the West Groton Hall.

ART. 24. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 101, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of the Revised Laws.

ART. 25. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to open the Mill School, so called, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 26. To see if the voters of Groton will vote to elect their Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the year 1908, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and thereafter one each year for a term of three years.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars to complete the card catalogue of the Library already begun, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appoint an appropriation committee, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 29. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

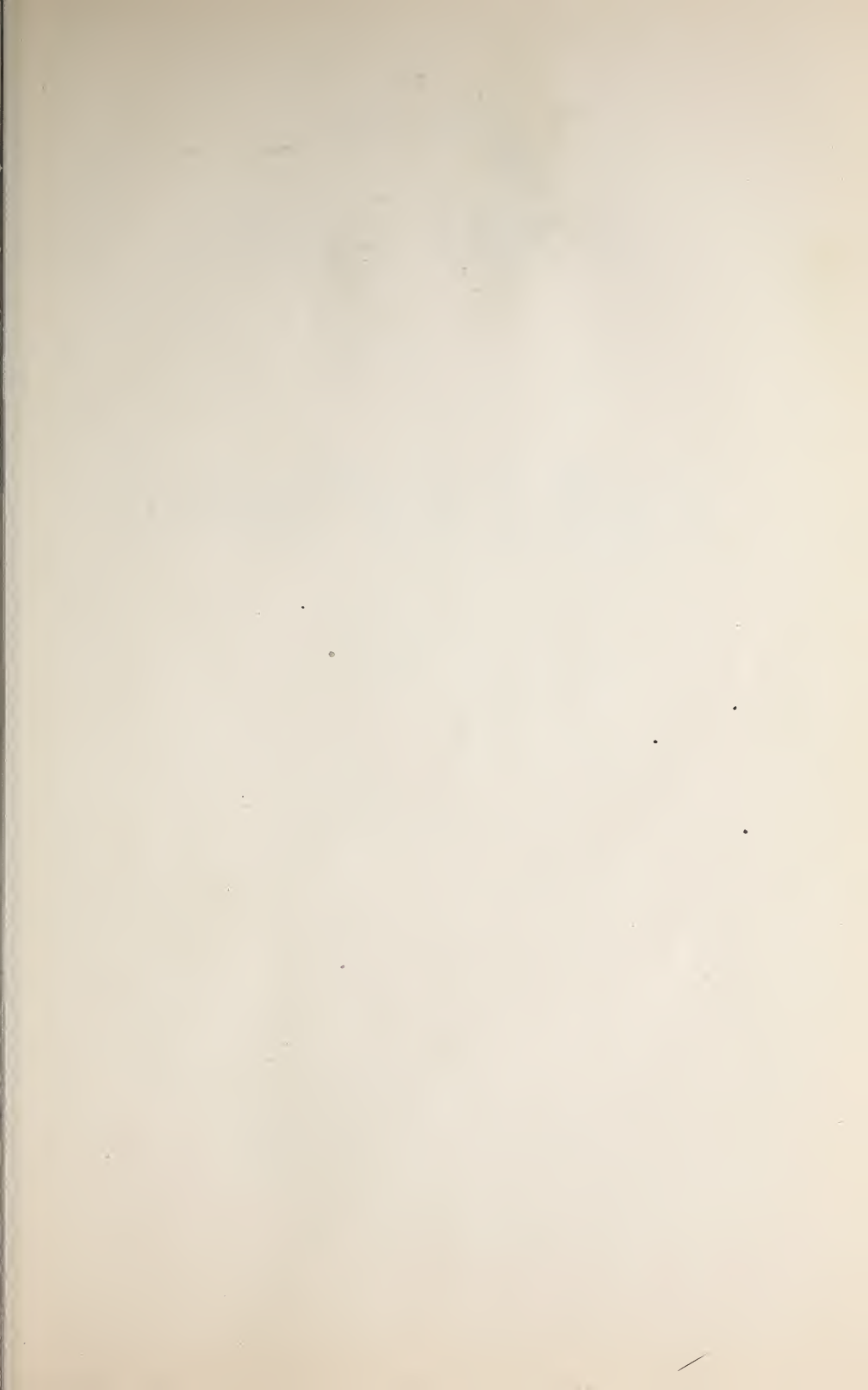
Art. 30. To see if the town will designate or appoint a Board or Agent for the suppression of the Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or take any action in relation to same.

And you will serve this Warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same at the Post Office at Groton, also at the Post Office in West Groton, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

JEREMIAH F. RYAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL,
FRANK A. TORREY,
SELECTMEN OF GROTON.



FIFTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Groton Public Library

GROTON, MASS.

MARCH, 1907.



TRUSTEES
OF THE
GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ELLEN M. NEEDHAM, | Term Expires 1907 |
| HENRY K. RICHARDS, | Term Expires 1907 |
| JOHN H. MANNING, | Term Expires 1908 |
| PEMBERTON H. CRESSEY, | Term Expires 1908 |
| WILLIAM A. GARDNER, | Term Expires 1909 |
| MARTHA P. LAWRENCE, | Term Expires 1909 |

ORGANIZATION

President

HENRY K. RICHARDS

Secretary

JOHN H. MANNING

Finance

HENRY K. RICHARDS

JOHN H. MANNING

PEMBERTON H. CRESSEY

Books

MARTHA P. LAWRENCE

ELLEN M. NEEDHAM

WILLIAM A. GARDNER

EMMA F. BLOOD, *Librarian.*

LIBRARY HOURS:

AFTERNOONS.

From 2 until 6 o'clock.

Monday

Thursday

Tuesday

Friday

Wednesday

Saturday

EVENINGS.

From 7 until 9 o'clock.

Wednesday

Saturday

MORNINGS.

From 9 until 12 o'clock.

Monday

Saturday

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1907.

The Library building and its equipment have been maintained in good condition during the past year. Supplies have been furnished and repairs made according to the demands of the occasion. Perhaps the most noteworthy single improvement has been the replacing of the cement walk which leads to the steps.

There has been a slight decline in the circulation of books. There is, however, an offsetting cause for gratification in the increased use of the reading room; and the trustees have endeavored to make the supply of periodicals and magazines as valuable and satisfactory as possible. An increase in the use of books by West Groton is also noticed with satisfaction.

As the number of books in the Library has increased year by year, the difficulties involved in the old system of classification have become correspondingly grave. In order to ascertain whether the Library was in possession of a desired volume, it has sometimes been necessary to examine two pamphlet catalogues and nine annual reports. A gift of three hundred dollars from a friend of the Library has made it possible to begin a new system of classification which can always be kept up to date. With the money thus provided the necessary case and cards have been purchased and about one-third of the books

re-classified. It is extremely desirable that this work be carried to completion as soon as possible. The trustees estimate that the work can be accomplished for four hundred dollars, and they recommend that the town appropriate that sum for the purpose.

In connection with the re-cataloguing of the Library it was thought best to remove the paper covers from the general works, leaving them on the books of fiction and the juvenile literature.

The amounts of the several funds in the hands of the trustees, and the investment of the same, may be found in the appendix to this report.

The trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz. :

1. The unexpended balances as shown by the books as audited.
2. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to meet current expenses.
3. The receipts from the dog tax.

PEMBERTON H. CRESSEY.

FOR THE TRUSTEES.

APPENDIX.

AMOUNT OF THE FUNDS AND THE INVESTMENT OF THE SAME,

DALRYMPLE FUND.

Dr.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| March, 1907. To amount of bequest of Willard Dalrymple | \$2500 00 |
|---|-----------|

Cr.

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|---|-----------|
| March, 1907. By loan to E. Tupper, No. 10 Park street, Nashua, N. H., secured by mortgage dated April 1, 1872, interest at 5 per cent. | \$1000 00 |
| By note of the Town of Groton, dated March 17, 1894, interest at 4 per cent. | 1500 00 |
| | \$2500 00 |

FLETCHER FUND.

Dr.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| March, 1907. To amount of bequest of Augustus Fletcher | \$1000 00 |
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Cr.

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|---|-----------|
| March, 1907. By note of William H. Wright, No. 10 Kingsley street, Nashua, N. H., secured by mort- gage dated April 10, 1886, inter- est at 5 per cent. | \$800 00 |
| By note of E. Tupper, No. 10 Park street, Nashua, N. H., secured by mortgage dated June 6, 1876, in- terest at 5 per cent. | 200 00 |
| | \$1000 00 |

LUTHER BLOOD FUND.

Dr.

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| March, 1907. To amount of bequest of Luther Blood | \$1000 00 |
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| March, 1907. By note of the Town of Groton, dated May 1, 1903, in- terest at 4 per cent. | \$1000 00 |
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
YEAR 1906-7, ENDING MARCH 1, 1907.

Receipts.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance | \$138 70 | |
| Town appropriation | 1000 00 | |
| Dog tax | 342 63 | |
| Interest from invested funds | 200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1681 33 |

Expenditures.

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Paid for binding | \$41 15 | |
| Paid for periodicals | 65 20 | |
| Paid for printing | 59 60 | |
| Paid for books | 200 92 | |
| Paid for fuel | 259 62 | |
| Paid for supplies | 91 38 | |
| Paid for janitor service | 180 00 | |
| Paid for salary of librarian | 500 00 | |
| Paid annual fee to Library Art Club for pictures | 6 00 | |
| Paid for transporting books to West Groton | 50 00 | |
| Paid for incidentals | 161 45 | |
| Balance on hand | 66 01 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1681 33 |

ACCOUNT OF LIBRARIAN.

Receipts.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Balance in treasury March 1, 1906 | \$10 94 | |
| Received from fines due 1904-5 | 1 02 | |
| Received from fines due 1905-6 | 52 | |
| Received from fines for the year 1906-7 | 38 26 | |
| Received for books | 45 | |
| Received for magazines | 35 | |
| Received for papers | 33 | |
| Received from John H. Sheedy & Co., for door spring | 1 00 | |
| Received from Dr. Gilson for grass | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$55 87 |

Expenditures.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid for express and postage | \$22 58 | |
| Paid for supplies | 7 98 | |
| Paid for incidentals | 23 54 | |
| Balance on hand | 1 77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$55 87 |

I have examined the accounts of the trustees and librarian of the Public Library, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

HENRY W. WHITING, *Auditor.*

Groton, March 11, 1907.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

GROTON, MASS., MARCH 1, 1907.

To the Trustees of the Groton Public Library:

The librarian herewith submits her annual report:

The re-cataloguing of the library began in June, the services of Miss E. Louise Jones being engaged for three weeks, and of Miss Florence B. Kimball for eight weeks. In this time three thousand volumes were catalogued. Miss Clarissa Coburn offered the use of her typewriter and her services for a part of the time.

The system used is the Dewey Decimal with the Cutter Sanborn numbers, this being the best system for our library. A new catalogue was much needed, and it would be hard to overestimate its practical value in enlarging the usefulness of the library.

Through the interest and generosity of Mrs. John Lawrence we were able to commence the catalogue this year.

We should like a complete set of the town documents. Where may be found a better place than the Public Library to deposit material relating to the history of the town?

The library plans to publish four times during the year a list of the new books and also fifty books of special value and interest.

Thirty-seven dollars and a half remained from the Ellen King Fund and the book committee decided to buy the Rolfe edition of Shakespeare's works in forty volumes,

Ruskin's Modern Painters and Seven Lamps of Architecture, and Symond's Renaissance in Italy, in six volumes.

The amount spent in replacing books is small, the greater part of the fund being used for new books.

The following books added are worthy of mention : English Literature in four volumes, Quest of the Holy Grail, History of American Painting, Connecticut River and the Valley of the Connecticut, History of Andrew Jackson, Life of Charles Dickens, Autobiography of Lew Wallace, American Silver and The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags.

Our exhibitions from the Library Art Club have been : One hundred famous men, Famous pictures, Italian art, Canterbury, Paris, French artists, Prang platinettes and Florence.

Statistics and list of donors is added to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA F. BLOOD, *Librarian.*

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|--------|
| Number of days the Library has been open | 296 |
| Number of volumes circulated in West Groton | 1,892 |
| Total number of volumes circulated | 11,755 |
| Average daily circulation | 39+ |
| Largest daily circulation (April 7) | 160 |
| Smallest daily circulation (Feb. 5) | 4 |

Circulation for the different months was :

| | | | |
|--------|------|-----------|------|
| March | 763 | September | 887 |
| April | 1066 | October | 839 |
| May | 966 | November | 1030 |
| June | 1052 | December | 977 |
| July | 961 | January | 1098 |
| August | 1001 | February | 1025 |

CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCULATION.

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| General works | 358 |
| Philosophy | 26 |
| Religion | 24 |
| Sociology | 61 |
| Philology | 1 |
| Natural Science | 181 |
| Useful Arts | 53 |
| Fine Arts | 64 |
| Literature | 297 |
| History | 589 |
| Biography | 289 |
| Fiction | 7168 |
| Juvenile | 2644 |

ACCESSIONS.

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| Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1906 | 11,149 |
| Number of volumes added | 325 |
| By purchase | 180 |
| By gift | 145 |
| By binding magazines | 23 |
| Number of volumes replaced | 6 |
| Number of pamphlets added | 356 |
| Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1907 | 11,474 |
| Number of volumes recovered | 5063 |
| Number registered since April 11, 1904 | 888 |

Books purchased are classified as follows :

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Fiction | 47 |
| Juvenile | 26 |
| History | 15 |
| Biography | 9 |
| Useful Arts | 5 |
| Fine Arts | 11 |
| Science | 2 |
| Sociology | 3 |
| Literature | 61 |
| General works | 1 |

GIFTS TO THE READING ROOM.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Among the Deep Sea Fishers | Harriet E. Freeman |
| Bird Lore | Harriet E. Freeman |
| Designer | Mrs. Charles E. Bigelow |
| Good Housekeeping | Mrs. Charles E. Bigelow |
| Harper's Bazaar | Mrs. John H. Robbins |
| Indian's Friend | Harriet E. Freeman |
| Masters in Art | Mrs. John Lawrence |
| Our Four-Footed Friends | Harriet E. Freeman |
| Our Dumb Animals | Harriet E. Freeman |
| Pictorial Review | Mrs. Charles E. Bigelow |
| Scientific American | Col. Thomas L. Motley |
| Studio | Mrs. John Lawrence |
| Union Signal | W. C. T. U., Groton |
| Woman's Home Companion | Mrs. John H. Robbins |
| Youth's Companion | Georgianna A. Boutwell |

PERIODICALS PURCHASED FOR THE READING ROOM.

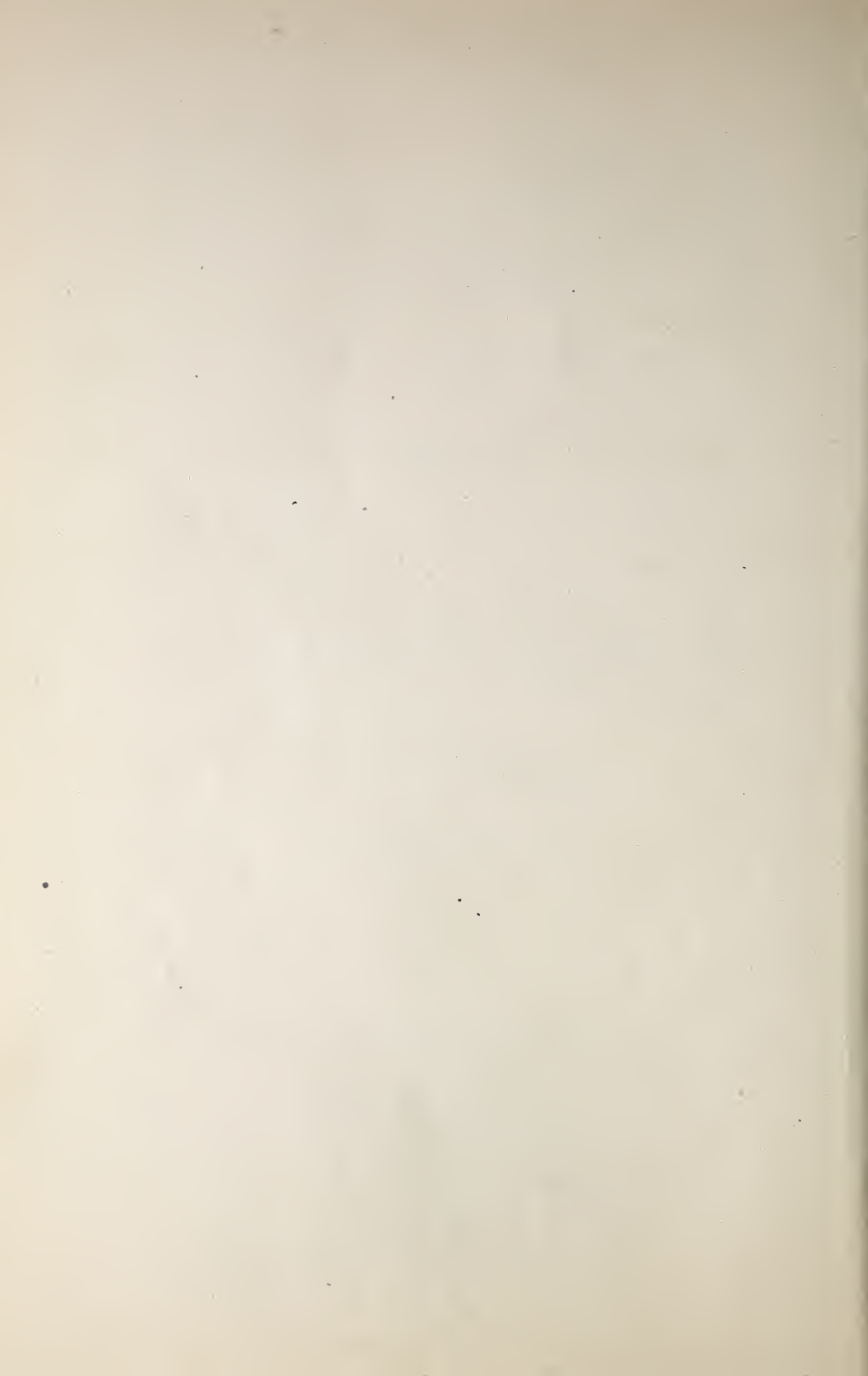
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| Atlantic Monthly | Boston Transcript, Wednesday and Saturday |
| Collier's Weekly | Harper's Weekly |
| Forestry and Irrigation | McClure's Magazine |
| Library Journal | Review of Reviews |
| New England Magazine | Boston Herald |
| Scribner's Magazine | Country Life in America |
| Century Magazine | Ladies' Home Journal |
| Harper's Magazine | Illustrated London News |
| Life | North American Review |
| Munsey's Magazine | St. Nicholas |
| Popular Science Monthly | |
| Success | |

NAMES OF DONORS, 1906-7.

| | Books. | Phps. |
|--|--------|-------|
| Adams, Charles Francis | | I |
| Balch, Edwin S., Philadelphia | I | |
| Bigelow Public Library, Clinton, Mass. | | I |

| | Books. | Phps. |
|--|--------|-------|
| Bingham, H. H. C. | | 10 |
| Bingham, Mrs. H. H. C. | | 5 |
| Boston Public Library | | 13 |
| Brookline, (Mass.) Public Library | | 4 |
| Charles Larned Memorial, Oxford, Mass. | | 1 |
| Chicago Public Library | | 2 |
| Concord, (Mass.) Public Library | | 2 |
| Connecticut, State of | I | |
| Dix, Mrs. Alfred | I | |
| Fall River Public Library | | I |
| Freeman, Harriet E., Boston | I | |
| Gardner, William A. | I | |
| Gilson, Mrs. Thomas | I | |
| Ginn & Co., Boston | | I |
| Groton, (Mass.) G. A. R., E. S. Clark Post 115 | 3 | |
| Groton, (Mass.) Town of | | I |
| Groton, (Mass.) Water Company | | I |
| Hildreth, J. L., Cambridge | I | |
| Howe, Rev. George M. | | I |
| Hyde Park Public Library | | I |
| John Crerar Public Library, Chicago | | I |
| Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration | | 2 |
| Lancaster, (Mass.) Public Library | | I |
| Lawrence, Amory A. | | I |
| Lawrence, James | I | |
| Lawrence, Mrs. John | 4 | |
| Lawrence Public Library | | I |
| Library of Congress | 6 | 29 |
| Manning, John H. | | I |
| Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Associa- tion | | 11 |
| Massachusetts, Commonwealth of | 20 | 26 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | | I |
| Massachusetts New Church Union | I | |

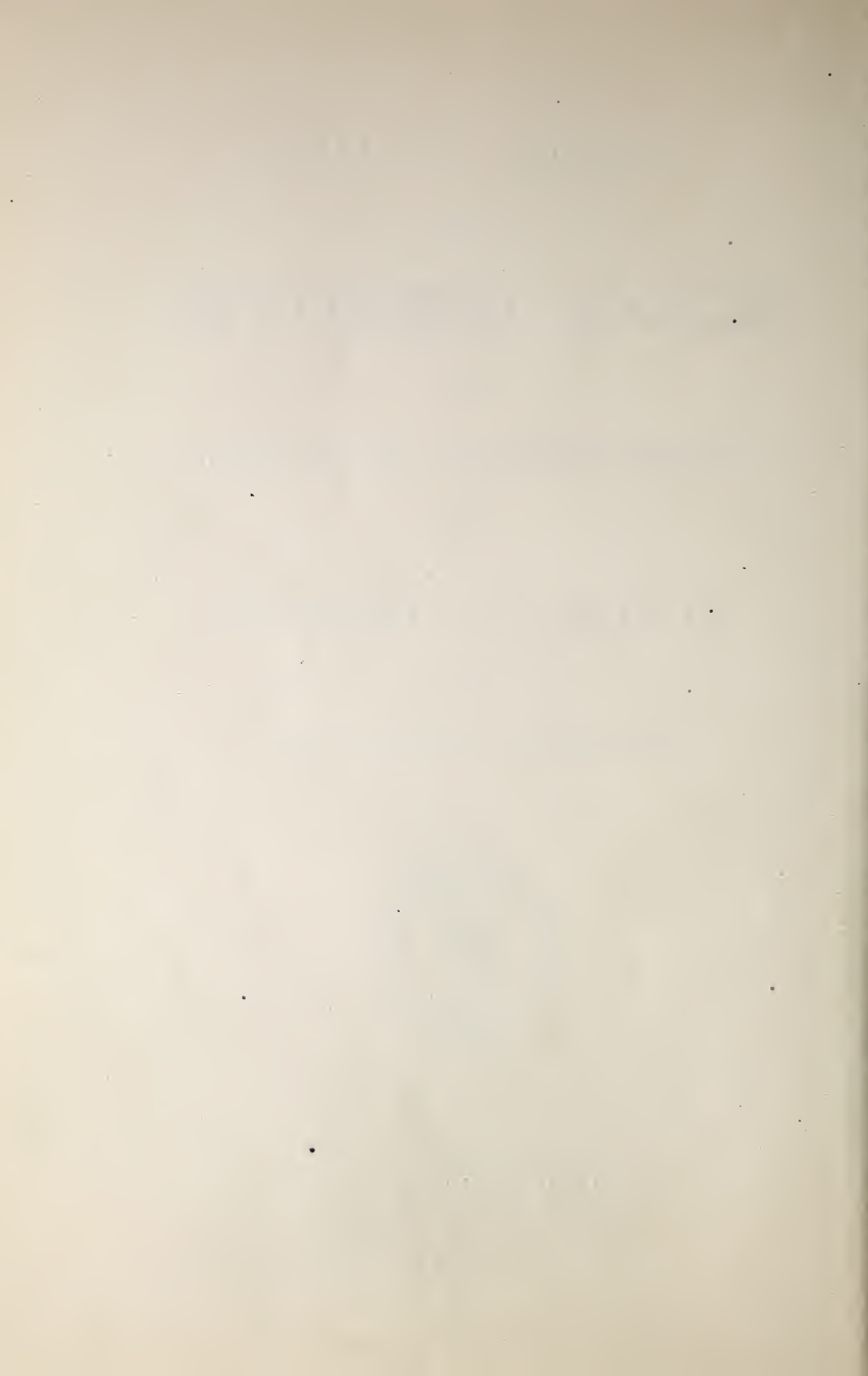
| | Books. | Phps. |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| New York, City of | | I |
| New York Public Library | | II |
| New York State University | 8 | 2I |
| Park, Lawrence | 2 | |
| Pennsylvania Prison Society | | I |
| Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton, Mass. | | I |
| Richards, Henry K. | I | 6 |
| Salem, (Mass.) Public Library | | I |
| Shattuck, Mrs. M. F., Pepperell | | I |
| Soldiers' Home, Chelsea | | 2 |
| Somerville, (Mass.) Public Library | | I |
| Syracuse, (N. Y.) Public Library | | I |
| Towle Mfg. Co. | | I |
| Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass. | | I |
| United States | 9I | 184 |
| University of Nashville | | I |
| Winthrop, (Mass.) Public Library | | I |
| Woburn, (Mass.) Public Library | | I |
| Wright, E. W., Medford | I | |
| Yale University | | I |



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF GROTON
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1907.



AYER, MASS.
HUNTLEY S. TURNER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER



SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GARDNER H. ROCKWOOD, CHAIRMAN.

Term expires April, 1909.

JAMES T. BENNETT, SECRETARY.

Term expires April, 1908.

DR. HERBERT B. PRIEST.

Term expires April, 1907.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN H. MANNING.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

SOLON R. DODGE, FRED L. BLOOD.

REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The first Tuesday of every month at eight o'clock P. M.



SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Groton:

Your committee, to whom was left the heating, ventilating, and sanitary improvements at the Butler High school building, recommended at the Town Meeting last year, hereby submit their report:

The general conditions of the schools will be found incorporated in the Superintendent's report.

Last year the sum of \$11,025.00 was appropriated for school purposes and we have practically made it meet the expenses of the current year without overdrawing the account.

There are however many things that would have extended the usefulness of the schools, which we have been obliged to do without from a lack of necessary funds.

The increased cost of living, and the numerous opportunities offered to do better elsewhere, have compelled us, in some cases, to pay somewhat higher salaries to our teachers in order to retain them.

While our experience has taught us that our Superintendent has excellent judgment in selecting new teachers, yet we believe it is the best policy, within reasonable limits, to keep them, and the only practical way to maintain a satisfactory degree of efficiency.

The addition of the Commercial Course to the curriculum of the High School will also necessarily increase our expenses.

This, with the advanced price of nearly all our supplies, has made us feel obliged to ask the town to raise and appropriate the following amounts for school purposes this year:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| General expenses, transportation, | |
| music and drawing | \$9400 00 |
| Incidentals | 1600 00 |
| Superintendent | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$11,500 00 |

Last April the town raised and appropriated for a heating system in the Butler building the sum of \$2000.00.

At a special meeting held on June 21st, there was appropriated an additional sum of \$1800.00.

This was found necessary in order to comply with certain requirements of the state police.

These appropriations were expended as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation April 2nd, 1906 | \$2000 00 | |
| Special Appropriation, June 21st, | | |
| 1906 | 1800 00 | |
| From sale of old furnaces | 27 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3827 50 |

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| O'Toole Bros., contract on heating | |
| complete | \$2487 59 |
| O'Toole Bros., contract on sanitararies | 464 22 |
| O'Toole Bros., extra on plumbing | 46 36 |
| Solomon Fletcher, labor | 64 00 |
| Other labor | 99 62 |
| H. L. Gilson, sand and stone | 8 75 |
| E. H. Clark, sand | 7 50 |
| A. Winslow, mason work | 95 72 |
| H. C. Rockwood, mason work | 73 69 |
| H. M. Adams, carpenter work | 268 62 |
| J. T. Bennett, carpenter work | 75 18 |

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| F. A. Sherwin, brick and teaming | \$26 10 |
| Shattuck's Store, cement lime and supplies | 98 35 |
| A. P. W. Paper Co., supplies | 11 80 |
| | ————— \$3827 50 |

The existing conditions at the Butler building were such that the problem of arranging a satisfactory heating system was foreseen to be a difficult one, but it was not until after the state inspector had put in his word of advice as to what *must* be done that the task was fully appreciated.

Our original project, as proposed at town meeting last April, of heating with two hot-air furnaces and an auxiliary steam plant had then to be abandoned, and an all steam plant seemed to be the best remaining solution.

The removal of the sanitaries and replacing with new was also required, and we were therefore confronted with an entirely new problem.

We believe we have overcome all the important difficulties in the heating of the building, and with proper care and experience in handling will prove as satisfactory as is possible with any gravity system that will comply with the requirements of the state inspection.

We have certainly had plenty of heat in the building the past Winter, with the exception, perhaps, of the first few cold days at the early part, when it was found that the two boilers, for some unaccountable reason, did not work together just right, but this was promptly remedied by the contractors.

There has been at times a lack of sufficient heat in the halls and ante-rooms, but we believe a proper experience in managing the plant will overcome this, as there is enough heat supplied to these rooms if it is made to work as it should.

Notwithstanding the severity of the past winter, and the increased cost of coal, our fuel expense has been no

more than for the same period last year, which we believe is a favorable showing for the new system.

The new sanitary arrangements have certainly been a great improvement upon the old system and have worked very satisfactorily and without any trouble whatever.

The conditions in the basement are much improved, and with a good cement floor the little ones have a very good and comfortable play-room that can be kept clean and tidy.

While this work was being put in, it was thought best by the committee to add a wash sink and faucet in the basement for janitor's use as well as for others, and a small sink and faucet on the third floor for drinking water, no such provision having been made there heretofore.

It was also thought best to remove the service water pipe from the cold air chamber on the south side, where it has entered the building from the street, to a point farther down the basement, and thus avoid any possibility of freezing.

These items make up the principal part of the extra paid for plumbing.

We have made some needed improvements and repairs in the various buildings this year, particularly the Tarbell school at West Groton, where we installed several new black boards and removed the teachers' platforms, this being in accord with the demands of modern practice.

The buildings are now, we think, with the exception of the Butler school, in fairly good condition.

The Butler building, however, is much in need of certain repairs.

The outside wood work, the fire escape, and especially the belfry and tin roof, should have a coat of paint, for if they are neglected a much greater expense will soon be necessary.

The porches, especially the one on the south side, are bordering on collapse and we think should be taken down and replaced new or nearly so.

We believe that an appropriation for this purpose would be for the best interests of the town, and we therefore recommend the town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to repair the Butler building.

In the Butler building this year we have equipped the north lower room with a new set of adjustable desks, utilizing the old ones to fill in vacancies in other places.

Also the desks and seats were rearranged in the south lower room, being turned to face the north, thus bringing the light from the windows on the proper side, which has proved to be a decided improvement.

For some time there has seemed to be a demand for a commercial course in our High school, which would give many of our scholars a privilege that they would not otherwise be able to attain.

The Committee considered this matter carefully, and found that by making a different arrangement in the management of the schools, they could accomplish it without interfering with the present work.

This has been done so far with little additional expense to the town.

These courses of study were finally worked out by Mr. Manning of our High school, and adopted by the Committee, the college, general and commercial, and so arranged as to best serve the wants of our pupils, and the requirements of the various higher Institutions of Learning.

A teacher was found, and the commercial course was begun with the others at the opening of the school year, last September.

The number of pupils who have availed themselves of the privilege offered, is evidence of its present popularity, and we hope usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

JAMES T. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

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| Appropriation | \$11,025 00 |
| Tuition | 88 25 |
| | <hr/> \$11,113 25 |

EXPENDITURES.

High School.

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| John H. Manning, teaching and super- intending | \$1550 00 |
| Fannie E. Woods, teaching | 645 00 |
| Ida B. Jewett, teaching | 452 50 |
| Angie L. Pulsifer, teaching | 315 00 |

Butler Schools.

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Ina E. Cobb, teaching | \$500 00 |
| Mary E. Parker, teaching | 380 00 |
| Lillian W. Kane, teaching | 396 00 |
| Thomas F. Donahue, janitor | 96 77 |
| F. Winthrop Chase, janitor | 343 23 |
| Rowell & Wetherbee, coal | 131 49 |
| F. A. Sherwin, coal | 419 26 |
| Nutting Bros., wood | 2 75 |
| | <hr/> \$5232 00 |

Chaplin Schools.

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| Jennie Longley, teaching | \$432 00 |
| Olive M. Wilson, teaching | 432 00 |
| Patsey L. Donahue, janitor | 19 25 |
| David J. Donahue, janitor | 35 00 |
| Edward A. Roache, Jr., janitor | 00 75 |
| Nutting Bros., wood | 8 00 |
| S. L. Blodgett, wood | 16 00 |
| | <hr/> \$951 00 |

Tarbell Schools.

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| Cora T. Spaulding, teaching | \$407 00 | |
| Bertha C. Bixby, teaching | 264 00 | |
| Evelyn Fernald, teaching | 110 00 | |
| Harold R. Strand, janitor | 16 50 | |
| Fred L. Blood, janitor | 44 75 | |
| W. V. Bixby, wood | 28 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$870 25 |

Moors School.

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|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sarah F. Longley, teaching | \$396 00 | |
| Roy R. Culver, janitor | 3 30 | |
| H. Jerome Bowles, janitor | 7 30 | |
| S. L. Blodgett, wood | 14 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$420 60 |

Chicopee School.

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| Alice G. Barker, teaching | \$324 00 | |
| Alice G. Barker, care of room three months | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$327 00 |

Prescott School.

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| Mary H. Oleson, teaching | \$99 00 | |
| Olive M. Tarbell, teaching | 126 00 | |
| Letitia V. Ward, teaching | 99 00 | |
| J. Stanley Sawyer, janitor | 9 10 | |
| F. Stanley Gregson, janitor | 1 00 | |
| S. L. Blodgett, wood | 8 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$342 10 |

Assistant Superintendent.

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| Francis M. Boutwell, Spring term | \$150 00 |
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Special Teachers.

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| J. Avison Baker, music | \$350 00 | |
| E. Maude Bradley, drawing | 320 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$670 00 |

Truant Officers.

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| Solon R. Dodge | \$10 00 | |
| Fred L. Blood | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$15 00 |

Transportation.

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|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Lillian V. Kemp | \$263 00 | |
| Clara Kemp | 253 00 | |
| Howard L. Gilson | 102 00 | |
| Susie H. Shattuck | 229 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$847 50 |

School Books and Supplies.

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| Edward E. Babb & Co. | \$273 33 | |
| Educational Publishing Co. | 26 13 | |
| American Book Co. | 142 68 | |
| American Library Co. | 12 00 | |
| Silver, Burdett & Co. | 10 80 | |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 5 86 | |
| Allyn & Bacon | 20 00 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 62 63 | |
| American Seating Co. | 150 00 | |
| Masury, Young & Co. | 24 00 | |
| J. Avison Baker | 12 82 | |
| E. Maude Bradley | 1 36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$741 61 |

Sundries.

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| Huntley S. Turner, printing school reports | \$83 70 |
| Huntley S. Turner, miscellaneous printing | 18 00 |
| Arthur A. Wood, labor on schoolhouses | 14 57 |
| T. G. Smith, labor at Moors school | 5 20 |
| American Express Co., express | 9 85 |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., tolls and rental | 32 09 |

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| C. & G. H. Bixby, supplies | \$16 82 |
| Boynton & Parker, insurance on Tarbell Building | 20 25 |
| Charles Bixby, conveying drawing Teacher | 23 00 |
| Mrs. Frank Jaquith, cleaning Tarbell school | 2 55 |
| F. E. Jackson, filling in diplomas | 2 45 |
| Francis M. Boutwell, postage | 1 33 |
| William M. Sargent, printing | 20 00 |
| John H. Manning, cash paid graduation speaker | 15 50 |
| F. A. Sherwin, teaming and freight | 3 00 |
| Arthur M. Winslow, labor at Chicopee school | 2 84 |
| Mrs. Brennan, cleaning Chaplin school | 10 00 |
| C. W. Green, repairing organ | 2 00 |
| John H. Manning, postage and office supplies | 5 00 |
| Grant W. Shattuck, insurance on Butler building | 24 50 |
| Horace H. Rockwood, taking school census | 30 00 |
| James F. Woods, labor at Butler building | 5 40 |
| H. M. Adams, repairs on schoolhouses | 82 80 |
| William B. Oleson, water for Prescott school 1 year | 5 00 |
| Shattucks's Store, supplies | 56 95 |
| W. H. Bruce, supplies | 3 63 |
| H. P. Tainter, supplies | 13 75 |
| H. C. Rockwood, work on Butler basement | 30 25 |
| E. Maude Bradley, carfare from West Groton | 1 44 |
| W. A. Moore & Co., supplies | 1 23 |

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| Sarah F. Longley, cash paid for cleaning Moors school | \$2 00 | |
| H. Jerome Bowles, work at Moors school | 85 | |
| | <hr/> | \$545 95 |

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT.

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| Receipts | \$11,113 25 |
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EXPENDITURES.

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| Teaching and superintending | \$7077 50 | |
| Special teachers | 670 00 | |
| Truant officers | 15 00 | |
| Janitors | 587 95 | |
| Fuel | 627 50 | |
| Transportation | 847 50 | |
| School books and supplies | 741 61 | |
| Sundries | 545 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11,113 01 |
| Unexpended balance | | 24 |
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| | | \$11,113 25 |

I, the undersigned, Auditor of the Town of Groton, hereby certify that I have examined the books of the School Committee and find them correct and properly balanced.

HENRY W. WHITING, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Groton:

My sixth annual report is herewith presented to you and the citizens of Groton.

In a town whose population varies very little from year to year and in which few changes in any direction are noticeable, the Superintendent's report can simply record the events of the school year, repeat and emphasize the demands which local conditions are making upon us, and point out the new conditions and new problems which are confronting us, showing as far as may be where we stand in the march of progress and development.

No unusual demands, caused by additional enterprises or increasing business prosperity resulting in a sudden growth in the number of school children, have been made upon us. The year for which this report is written has been an ordinary one in the life of our school population. Teachers and pupils have worked together harmoniously, the children have been happy and contented, and the work has been fairly satisfactory. Of course results have not always been what has been desired and even expected; there will always be some who will fall by the wayside, some who cannot and others who will not take advantage of their opportunities. But these cases have been comparatively few and they have not been allowed to interfere in any way with the carrying out of the year's courses of study.

The most serious obstacle to the steady, daily work, and to the satisfactory completion of the year's schedule with which the schools have had to contend, was the prevalence of children's diseases during the spring term. Many children, more particularly those in the lower grades, were obliged to be out of school for a longer or shorter period on account of sickness. These absences, unfortunately, were scattered along through the greater part of the term and so reduced the numbers in some of the schools as to greatly interfere with their progress; indeed, in one or two schools the numbers were so reduced at one time, that the advisability of closing their doors for a while was considered, but looking at the situation from all points of view this seemed unwise. Besides the effect produced by this unavoidable break on the children's studies, the attendance was lowered to such an extent as to make the record somewhat discouraging to teachers and children alike. There is a commendable desire and effort on the part of many of our children to maintain a good record of attendance, and they can in no way be blamed for their spring term showing.

The condition of things in the outlying schools, the scattered and sparse population, and the question of transportation were fully taken up in last year's report. The situation is practically the same now as then. The per capita cost of these district schools is necessarily great, whether the schools are kept open, or the pupils are conveyed to the larger schools of the centre of the town.

Because of the state of affairs in the Chicopee District that school was re-opened at the beginning of last spring term, and the school is still maintained. Local conditions alone were responsible for this re-opening. In numbers it is and must be small. Whether or not it will be wise to keep it running will be a question for the future to decide.

The number of pupils in the different schools in the town, and the number in each grade of these schools, is

given in one of the tables of this report, and this distribution of pupils should be interesting to any one giving the subject consideration, showing as it does the number of grades each teacher has, and, consequently, giving some idea of the amount of work required of the different teachers.

REPAIRS.

Perhaps it is not necessary to go into details in referring to the general repairs and work done during the summer. The work may be classed under two heads, namely, that done at the Butler Building, and that of the other schools. Two things have been accomplished which have been especially acceptable to the teachers. Most of the rooms are now well fitted with good slate blackboards, and the platforms which the teachers in some instances asked to have removed have been taken away, greatly to their satisfaction. To those of us who believe in placing blackboards in every available bit of space this will mean an additional advantage in school work. There are still one or two rooms that need our attention in this respect, and when these needs are met the equipment in this line will be complete. The platforms which have disappeared were probably put in when the buildings were constructed, and at that time they were considered an important part of each room. Modern buildings and requirements seem to have no use for these elevations.

In the Butler Building an imperative need has been met by the equipment of one recitation room with thirty adjustable desks suited to the demands to be made upon it. Another year the grammar room in this building should be fitted out completely with new, up-to-date desks. Those now in use are old and entirely unfit for further service. It has been our policy to do what we could each year in this matter of room equipment, and it is to be hoped that this policy may be continued until every room

in every building is well furnished and fitted out with whatever may be helpful to pupils and teachers.

The one great accomplishment at the Butler Building has been the installing of the new heating plant and its accessories. Conditions in this building had become intolerable and something had to be done. In response to this urgent need the town generously appropriated money for the purpose of properly heating and ventilating the entire building in a manner satisfactory to the State Inspector of public buildings. It is not for me to report what has been done to properly care for the many pupils and teachers in this building—that might more appropriately belong to the school committee who had the supervision of the undertaking—suffice it to say that at no time since the building was erected have the heating, ventilating, and sanitary arrangements been as complete and satisfactory as at the present time.

TEACHERS.

Few changes will be found in our teaching force. Many of our teachers have had considerable experience in their chosen calling and their faithful service has produced good results. The addition of a commercial course to the curriculum of the High School necessitated a teacher for this department, and Miss Angie L. Pulsifer, a teacher of experience in this line of work, was asked to take the position thus created.

The Chicopee school, now on its third term since its reopening, has been in charge of Miss Alice G. Barker who has been faithful and painstaking with her few pupils. At the close of the spring term Miss Mary H. Oleson resigned as teacher of the Prescott school. Miss Olive M. Tarbell, of West Groton, took this school for the fall term and did good, faithful work. Not wishing, however, to make teaching her profession, Miss Tarbell resigned at the end of the term and Miss Letitia V. Ward, of this

town, a teacher of several years' experience, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The schools at West Groton have been in charge of the same teachers as for several years past. Miss Bertha C. Bixby has been granted leave of absence for this winter term—Miss Evelyn Fernald of the Fitchburg Normal School taking her place—but it is expected that Miss Bixby will return to her school at the beginning of the spring term.

AGE AND TIME OF ADMISSION.

The work of the primary schools in the past has been more or less hindered by two causes, namely, the admission to these schools of very young children whose proper place was at home, and the entrance in the spring term of some who were going to begin their real school career in the following September. This state of things imposed additional cares on the teacher, interfered with the daily schedule, was a distinct disadvantage to the regular classes, and in fact, was productive of nothing substantial, tending rather to lower the standard of the school.

Believing that it is not the function of the primary school to be the guardian of children too immature to begin the regular course of study, and that there is no good and sufficient reason for breaking in, so to speak, children in the spring term, the following rules have been made by the school committee :

"No child shall be allowed to enter the public schools of Groton, who is not six years of age, or does not become so before January first of that school year."

"No child under the required school age, which is seven years, shall be allowed to begin school in the spring term."

The wisdom of this action on the part of the school authorities can hardly be questioned, and the good effects of the first rule are already apparent. Teachers report that they are now able to accomplish more and to get bet-

ter results than before the existence of this regulation. And it might be stated right here that parents have done their part by recognizing the situation and conforming to it without question. There can be no doubt about the effect of the second rule on the work of the coming spring term.

COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

The increased cost of living and the upward tendency of expenses even in the getting of an education make the question of the support of schools an important one. The demands upon teachers are increasing, those now in the higher institutions fitting for the service are going to considerable expense to get their education and training, and, if this state of things continues, it will be more and more difficult to secure good teachers, unless the compensation is commensurate with the expenses.

Local conditions must be faced in considering this subject. In a town where the population is largely concentrated and where to a great extent electric cars are the means of conveying the scattered few to well appointed central schools, the per capita cost will be much less than in a town like ours, where none of these conditions prevail.

As showing our position in the three hundred and fifty-three towns and cities of the State, the graduated tables of the report of the State Board of Education may be interesting.

In a graduated taxation table showing the comparative amounts of money expended for the support of the public schools per child, as determined (1) by the number of children between five and fifteen years of age in the town or city, and (2) by the number of children in the average membership of the public schools, our rank for the year 1903-4 was fifty-five; for 1904-5 it was forty-six. The local conditions to which I have referred explain this rank.

In the graduated valuation table, in which all of the

towns of the State are numerically arranged according to the proportion of their taxable property appropriated for the support of the public schools, our rank for the year 1903-4 was two hundred and seventy-nine; for the year 1904-5 it was two hundred and ninety.

Thus it will be seen that our position in the first table is high, while in the amount appropriated for the support of the public schools for each thousand dollars of valuation our standing is low.

OUR NEEDS.

After all has been said and attempted in the past few years it may seem useless to refer again to our school accommodations. Yet our schools are handicapped by the buildings in which they are housed, and I cannot refrain from repeating that I do not believe crowded and insufficient rooms, buildings with cold entries, rooms heated with wood stoves and ventilated only by opening windows or doors, are conducive to the health, comfort, or development of school children; nor do they conform to modern ideas on this subject.

The Butler Building with its new and improved heating and ventilating system is well adapted for a four-room building without going to the third story, or the entire building could be put at the disposal of the High School, and this with one other modern building would meet the needs of the town for years to come. This is a simple solution of the problem, and the children who will always be with us and in whom so much interest will always center, can be benefitted in no better or more substantial way than by attacking the problem fairly and squarely, and giving them the equipment we all know they should properly have.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The demands upon the High School are constantly increasing and are fast getting out of proportion to its facil-

ities. In point of numbers it continues to be large, and this year has registered eighty-two pupils, a larger number than the main room can comfortably accommodate. At present the girls outnumber the boys by a larger margin than usual, due simply to the fact that all through the grades these classes have had more girls than boys in their membership. The graduates of the school who have left behind them good records of conduct and scholarship are doing well, and there are ten or more at the present time in the higher institutions of learning.

But the adoption of the new courses of study is the most important thing to mention. The old courses have been revised and a commercial course added, so that now there are three well-defined courses to meet the wants of the different pupils—the college, general, and commercial courses. This means more work, more teachers, and consequently more expense, but the call for these courses was so loud that it seemed best to heed it and trust to the future to properly provide for the increasing demands of modern conditions. These courses are now being worked out in the classroom, and promise in their development additional advantages and good results giving as they do a wider range to pupils not especially interested in many of the studies of the old curriculum.

It is interesting to note the motives of pupils of any school, especially of pupils beyond the required school age, and much may be learned from conversation with them. Some are in school because they really desire an education, others because their parents wish, in some cases compel, them to go to school, still others because they enjoy the school life and associations, even though they dislike hard study. It is needless to speak of the quality of the work of these different classes of pupils, or of their attainments when they come to leave school. The results are the same here as in other walks in life.

There is no more difficult task than to make many pupils

of the High School age realize that their education is their present business and their principal business, and that other matters should be secondary. It calls for the combined effort and patience of parents and teachers, it requires firmness and persistency, but it is worth while, if only we can save our boys and girls from disappointment when their school life is behind them.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

An important piece of school legislation in the year 1905 was an act relative to the appointment of school physicians. For a long time there has been a feeling that more attention should be given to the physical well-being of school children, and that in the smaller places where practically nothing has been done in the way of medical inspection some legislation was necessary.

The new law has been complied with so far as it relates to the duties of the teacher, and it now remains for the town to take some action in regard to the appropriation of money to meet the expense incurred by the appointment of a school physician by the school committee.

That the town may know just what this act is, it is herewith quoted.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 502.

An Act relative to the appointment of school physicians.

SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth shall appoint one or more school physicians, shall assign one to each public school within its city or town, and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the performance of their duties as prescribed in this act: *provided, however,* that in cities wherein the board of health is already maintaining or shall hereafter maintain substantially such medical inspection as this act requires, the board of health shall appoint and assign the school physician.

SECT. 2. Every school physician shall make a prompt exam-

ination and diagnosis of all children referred to him as herein-after provided, and such further examination of teachers, janitors and school buildings as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require.

SECT. 3. The school committee shall cause to be referred to a school physician for examination and diagnosis every child returning to school without a certificate from the board of health after absence on account of illness or from unknown cause; and every child in the schools under its jurisdiction who shows signs of being in ill health or of suffering from infectious or contagious disease, unless he is at once excluded from school by the teacher; except that in the case of schools in remote and isolated situations the school committee may make such other arrangements as may best carry out the purpose of this act.

SECT. 4. The school committee shall cause notice of the disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering to be sent to his parent or guardian. Whenever a child shows symptoms of smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, chickenpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria or influenza, tonsilitis, whooping cough, mumps, scabies or trachoma, he shall be sent home immediately, or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found, and the board of health shall at once be notified.

SECT. 5. The school committee of every city and town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. The tests of sight and hearing shall be made by teachers. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the state board of education shall prescribe.

SECT. 6. The state board of health shall prescribe the directions for tests of sight and hearing and the state board of education shall, after consultation with the state board of health,

prescribe and furnish to school committees suitable rules of instruction, testcards, blanks, record books and other useful appliances for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall provide for pupils in the normal schools instruction and practice in the best methods of testing the sight and hearing of children. The state board of education may expend during the year nineteen hundred and six a sum not greater than fifteen hundred dollars, and annually thereafter a sum not greater than five hundred dollars for the purpose of supplying the material required by this act.

SECT. 7. The expense which a city or town may incur by virtue of the authority herein vested in the school committee or board of health, as the case may be, shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose in cities by the city council and in towns by a town meeting. The appropriation shall precede any expenditure or any indebtedness which may be incurred under this act, and the sum appropriated shall be deemed a sufficient appropriation in the municipality where it is made. Such appropriation need not specify to what section of the act it shall apply, and may be voted as a total appropriation to be applied in carrying out the purposes of the act.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and six. [*Approved June 20, 1906.*]

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.

In these days we are learning much about the child as an individual, and that to a greater or less degree the class system should give place to individual help and attention. No one will question that the schools in attempting to perform their duty of preparing children for a successful life in coming years should give as much individual help as possible. In every schoolroom may be found pupils with mental powers and equipment which enables them to far outstrip their schoolmates. Heredity and environment may account for much of this difference, and the question is how to do justice to the individual child as we find him.

Various methods of promotion have been tried, that instruction suited to the pupil's needs might be given at all times. But the fact is that the teachers in the public schools as at present organized have so many pupils and so much to do that very little time can be given to each individual. It would take many teachers and much money to meet fully the individual needs of each child, especially the needs of those children who are non-average in their mental capacity. The public school, on its present basis, cannot do the work of a private tutor, as some would seem to expect; that is impossible.

These schools are open to all classes of children. They take them as they come, and they do the best they can under the circumstances. If teachers have too many pupils, and so cannot give the individual attention that some parents desire their children to have, the fault is not that of the teachers, but rather that of the public school system. Reasonable effort is being made to operate the schools for the individual good of every child.

In conclusion, the public schools have many friends who know something of the work they are doing, and who appreciate the effort they are putting forth to solve the problems of modern life and social conditions. To them, to the faithful and loyal teachers, and to the School Committee, who have given me their encouragement and support, I wish to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. MANNING.

OTHER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. J. H. MANNING,
Superintendent of Schools,
Groton, Mass.

Dear Sir: The need of individual instruction in music in the public schools is coming to be generally recognized, although there are many places throughout the country where it has not been tried and where the work is carried on in blissful ignorance of the fact that where the instruction in music is conducted classwise exclusively, only a very small percentage of pupils can acquire any independent knowledge of the principles of music. It is God's law, affecting everything in the natural world and in the realm of human activity, that progress is gained alone through individual effort and we pervert this law in the public instruction in music by not allowing or by not obliging the pupil to work out his individual salvation, musically.

"Power is gained by overcoming obstacles," and we learn to do things only by doing them. The great majority of pupils never have an opportunity to do things alone and consequently never acquire ability to do them, which accounts in a great measure for the deplorable lack of ability to read music independently by the great percentage of people graduated from the public schools; I mean that the method of teaching music exclusively classwise absolutely prevents the acquiring of independent ability, except on the part of a few leaders, the most apt

pupils of the class. The great majority are simply trailers carried along, irresistibly by the leaders and they do not have an opportunity to develop any motive power of their own. The child never learned to walk by being carried by fond parents. Give the child an opportunity to stand on his own feet, musically, to take his first step unaided, to fall if need be and then try again and again until power is developed. Then do not thwart the law of the Almighty by preventing him from ever taking another step unless surrounded and aided by his fellows. Twenty per cent. of pupils of a school will acquire independent ability in reading music under the class instruction, and in our experience over ninety-five per cent. will under proper individual instruction.

There are of course many modes of procedure in individual work in music, with many of which I have had experience. The method of calling for volunteers to "sing a solo" with much coddling and flattery, is a detestable device and is in no sense teaching.

The pupil is bound to gain ability in sight reading only by reading that which is new. The following of an individual system results in far greater interest in music on the part of the pupil, it obliges every one to learn to read music; it has a wonderful effect in discipline and attention; it quickens mental activity and is a potent factor in teaching mental concentration and self-control.

The High School is no place to teach note reading. You cannot expect to teach primary work after they have taken up High School work. Carry them along with good music and secure their interest by employing their time in singing the very best and most interesting music which they are capable of learning.

There are no phenomenal voices in the school at present, but the individual method of instruction used in the lower grades has discovered and drawn out a fair singing ability in an unusual percentage of the pupils. The school music work

should be made to touch the life of the child in school, in home, in church and in social circles as closely as possible.

An exhibition of our work in music will be given in the Town Hall, sometime in June. I find this a good way of bringing the results of our work directly before the people. The last year has been no exception to the previous years in the steady, honest growth of the music in the Groton schools.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Committee, Superintendent, teachers, parents and citizens for their courtesy and co-operation the past year.

Very respectfully,

J. AVISON BAKER.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

MR. J. H. MANNING,
Superintendent of Schools,
Groton, Mass.

I have the honor to submit my fourth annual report as Supervisor of Drawing in the public schools of Groton.

In drawing, as well as in many other branches of education, "practise makes perfect." I believe in allowing a child to do his own work with little or no direct aid, for it is valuable to him only when accomplished in that way. There can be no possible satisfaction to a child in taking home an article and having to admit that the teacher made most of it. He can never learn to do perfect work if he never has a chance to try. Too difficult or complicated work leads to carelessness.

Mechanical drawing is an exact science, admitting of no partly correct problems. Apply this statement to some mechanical movement and its force becomes apparent. To quote from a recent lecture, "If a little force pump works it works, and if it doesn't work no amount of excuse or explanation on the part of the pupil can make it work." The value of drawing in the higher grades lies largely in the training acquired, and but little in the articles or drawings made. If all these were to be destroyed, the skill of hand and ingenuity of brain developed in devising and making them would still remain with the pupil.

It seems safe to say that at no previous time in the history of this nation has there ever been such universal awakening to a sense of beauty. With this awakening

comes the increased demand for workmen who can supply it. Everything, from massive buildings down to silver trinkets, must be suitable and beautiful in every detail, naturally creating a demand for artistic architects and designers for a multitude of different things. There must exist a great demand for finely illustrated magazines, else publishers would not, at much expense to themselves, secure the best possible work in this line every month. But this very demand supplies work for the painters and illustrators.

The Arts and Crafts Societies, and some settlements more or less related, not only help to supply the demand for artistic objects and useful articles, but furnish work for an increasing number. Not so very many years ago a person with a decided artistic taste either tried to become a painter or else engaged in some occupation not even remotely connected with art. Now he may choose from among many different pursuits — alike in this, however, that a person of artistic taste and ability is required in each.

The work in drawing in your town has been carried on along practically the same lines as usual this year. In most of the rooms it continues to average very well. Since we intend to have an exhibition in the Spring, it seemed best to save the work for that, and therefore we have sent no drawings to the School Arts Guild this year. The High School drawing classes this year are using the north room on the ground floor. Four periods are devoted to it per week.

I wish in closing to thank the school officials for their courtesy and help, the teachers for their interest and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BRADLEY.

March 5, 1907.

REPORTS OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

GROTON, Feb. 28, 1907.

To the School Committee of Groton:

I, the undersigned, truant officer of Groton, make to you the following report:

I have found no violation of the law in regard to manufacturing establishments.

My attention has been called to several cases of truancy and non-attendance, to which I have attended.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLON R. DODGE.

WEST GROTON, March 1, 1907.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I have had several cases of non-attendance brought to my notice; to these I have attended.

The manufacturing places are complying with the law in regard to the employment of school children.

Respectfully,

FRED L. BLOOD.

APPENDIX

GROTON HIGH SCHOOL

COURSES OF STUDY.

| | COLLEGE. | GENERAL. | COMMERCIAL. |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| First Year. | Periods per week: *English [4] *Latin [5] *Algebra [5] *Ancient History [4] | Periods per week. *English [4] Latin [5] *Algebra [5] Ancient History [4] Elementary Physics $\frac{1}{2}$ year [4] Botany $\frac{1}{2}$ year [4] | Periods per week. *English [4] Algebra [5] *Mental and Commercial Arithmetic [5] *Book-keeping [3] *Penmanship and Spelling [3] Ancient History [4] |
| Second Year. | *English [4] *Latin [5] *French [5] *Geometry [4] | *English [4] Latin [5] French [5] Geometry [4] *English History [4] Physical Geography $\frac{1}{2}$ year [4] Physiology $\frac{1}{2}$ year [4] | *English [4] French [5] Geometry [4] Book-keeping [3] *Business Correspondence [2] *Commercial Geography [3] English History [4] |
| Third Year. | *English [4] *Latin [5] French [5] German [5] Algebra, and Geometry [3] | *English [4] Latin [5] French [5] German [5] Algebra and Geometry [3] Chemistry [5] | *English [4] French [5] German [5] Chemistry [5] Commercial Law [3] Stenography [5] Typewriting [5] |
| Fourth Year. | *English [4] *Latin [5] French [5] German [5] Physics [5] Reviews | *English [4] Latin [5] French [5] German [5] Solid Geometry [3] Physics [5] *American History and Civil Governm't [3] | *English [4] French [5] German [5] *American History, and Civil Governm't [3] Physics [5] Stenography [5] Typewriting [5] |

All subjects marked * are prescribed.

Requirements for diploma at least 64 points.

Music and Drawing required of all.

Each pupil will take 16 or more periods of recitation per week, and in order to graduate he must be credited with at least 64 periods. The pupil in making his choice of subjects, must consult with his parents, principal and teachers, and receive their signatures in approval. For this purpose the following blank is used :

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

(PUPIL'S NAME).....may elect
the following subjects.....
to complete the required number of studies for.....year

Parent

Principal.....

Teachers.....

.....

It is urged upon the parents that they discuss the matter of choice of subjects freely with their children, and encourage them in their efforts to improve after the choice has been made.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

SEPTEMBER, 1905.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of boys between the ages of five and fifteen | 176 |
| Number of girls between the ages of five and fifteen | 169 |
| Total | <u>345</u> |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of boys between the ages of seven and fourteen | 114 |
| Number of girls between the ages of seven and fourteen | 119 |
| Total | <u>233</u> |

SEPTEMBER, 1906.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of boys between the ages of five and fifteen | 172 |
| Number of girls between the ages of five and fifteen | 169 |
| Total | <u>341</u> |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of boys between the ages of seven and fourteen | 126 |
| Number of girls between the ages of seven and fourteen | 120 |
| Total | <u>246</u> |

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1905-1906.

| SCHOOLS. | TEACHERS. | FALL TERM, 1905. | | | | WINTER TERM, 1906. | | | | SPRING TERM, 1906. | | | |
|------------|---|------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | Total Membership | Average Membership | Attendance | Per cent. of Attendance | Total Membership | Average Membership | Attendance | Per cent. of Attendance | Total Membership | Average Membership | Attendance | Per cent. of Attendance |
| High | { John H. Manning Fannie E. Woods Ruth E. Thomas } { Ida B. Jewett } | 75 | 71.3 | 67.5 | 94 | 74 | 69.9 | 62.7 | 90 | 71 | 69.6 | 63.9 | 91 |
| Butler | { Mabel H. Ellis Ina E. Cobb } { Mary E. Parker Lillian W. Kane } | 51 | 50.5 | 47.85 | 94.47 | 53 | 51.7 | 47.66 | 92.5 | 52 | 48.7 | 42.7 | 87.63 |
| Chaplin | { Olive M. Wilson Jennie Longley } | 47 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 98 | 48 | 47.4 | 43.4 | 91 | 48 | 44 | 37 | 84 |
| Tarbell | { Cora T. Spaulding Bertha C. Bixby } | 34 | 31.55 | 28.51 | 90.38 | 35 | 32.71 | 28.88 | 88.26 | 41 | 38.25 | 37.56 | 97.86 |
| Moors | Sarah F. Longley | 31 | 30.4 | 28.5 | 93 | 32 | 30.78 | 26.86 | 87 | 38 | 33.1 | 29 | 87 |
| Prescott | { Sarah A. Hill Mary H. Oleson } | 18 | 14.71 | 12.61 | 85.7 | 14 | 13.32 | 9.89 | 74.2 | 14 | 12.87 | 10.47 | 81.7 |
| Trowbridge | Lena L. Tuttle | 11 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 92 | | | | | | | | |
| Chicopee | Alice G. Barker | | | | | | | | | 10 | 8.3 | 5.93 | 71.3 |

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE FALL TERM, 1906.

| SCHOOLS. | TEACHERS. | GRADES | ENROLLED. | | | Total Membership | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per cent. of Attendance |
|----------|---|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Boys | Girls | Total | | | | |
| High | { John H. Manning Fannie E. Woods Ida B. Jewett Angie L. Pulsifer Ina E. Cobb Mary E. Parker | VII, VIII | 27 | 55 | 82 | 82 | 79.47 | 74.83 | 94.15 |
| Butler | { Lillian W. Kane Olive M. Wilson Jennie Longley | III, IV V, VI I, II | 24 | 21 | 45 | 45 | 42.4 | 40.1 | 94 |
| Chaplin | { Cora T. Spaulding Bertha C. Bixby | V-VIII I-IV | 22 17 | 19 16 | 41 33 | 42 33 | 41.1 31.6 | 39 28.2 | 94 89 |
| Tarbell | Sarah F. Longley | I-VIII | 15 18 | 16 17 | 31 35 | 31 35 | 26.77 31.77 | 24.72 27.12 | 92.3 85.36 |
| Moors | Olive M. Tarbell | I-VIII | 20 | 17 | 37 | 37 | 35.3 | 32.6 | 93 |
| Prescott | Alice G. Barker | I-VIII | 9 | 7 | 16 | 16 | 15.47 | 12.66 | 81 |
| Chicopee | | | 4 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5.5 | 78.55 |

NUMBER OF PUPILS AND THEIR AVERAGE AGE BY GRADES IN SEPTEMBER, 1906.

| GRADES | BOYS | GIRLS | Total number of Pupils | Average Age | | Oldest Boy | | Oldest Girl | | Youngest Boy | | Youngest Girl | |
|-------------------|------|-------|------------------------|-------------|------|------------|------|-------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|------|
| | | | | Yrs. Mos. | | Yrs. Mos. | | Yrs. Mos. | | Yrs. Mos. | | Yrs. Mos. | |
| | | | | Yrs. | Mos. | Yrs. | Mos. | Yrs. | Mos. | Yrs. | Mos. | Yrs. | Mos. |
| I | 26 | 15 | 41 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| II | 18 | 18 | 36 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 1 |
| III | 24 | 10 | 34 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| IV | 13 | 22 | 35 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| V | 15 | 17 | 32 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| VI | 21 | 26 | 47 | 11 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 5 |
| VII | 19 | 16 | 35 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| VIII | 21 | 12 | 33 | 13 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| HIGH SCHOOL | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SENIOR CLASS | 8 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 0 |
| JUNIOR CLASS | 5 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 3 |
| SECOND YEAR CLASS | 8 | 18 | 26 | 15 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| FIRST YEAR CLASS | 6 | 21 | 27 | 14 | 8 | 15 | 10 | 16 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 1 |

Toujours Prêt.

GRADUATION EXERCISES
OF THE
GROTON HIGH SCHOOL
GROTON, MASS.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 15, 1906.

Exercises to begin at Eight o'clock.

PROGRAM.

Music—Spring Song, *Veazie*

THE SCHOOL.

Oration, Graft,

FRANK R. MASON.

Music, We are Singers, Singing Blithely, *Rossini*

THE SCHOOL.

Essay, Seismology,

MARY A. DUNPHY.

Music, Our Jack,

Trotère

THE SCHOOL.

Address, The Meaning of Education and Life,

MR. JOHN G. THOMPSON,

Principal of Fitchburg Normal School.

Music, The Call to Arms,

Veazie

THE SCHOOL.

Presentation of Diplomas,

MR. GARDNER H. ROCKWOOD.

Benediction.

CLASS OF 1906.

Ethel Jane Bliss,

Harry Llewellyn Bruce,

Thomas Edward Cleary,

William Joseph Cleary,

Mary Alice Dunphy,

Angelina Ruth Floyd,

Clarence John Hemenway,

Frank Russell Mason,

John Moyle, Jr.,

Carl William Strand,

Howard Graves Tuttle.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The roll of honor, herewith printed, is a continuation of that given in last year's report, and covers the calendar year 1906. It is a just recognition of the effort made, in many families, to be regular and punctual in school attendance, and these records ought to be both an encouragement and an incentive to all to cultivate the habits of regularity and promptness in the performance of every duty.

Neither Absent nor Tardy During the Year 1906.

HIGH SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM.

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| John M. Bradley | Mary A. Dunphy |
| James H. Dunphy | Catherine M. Dilbert |
| John T. Gay | Edith L. Messinger |
| Harold H. Woods | |

SPRING TERM.

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Charles B. Campbell | Elsie A. Bailey |
| James H. Dunphy | Mary E. Cleary |
| John T. Gay | Mabel C. Dickinson |
| Clarence C. Harris | Catherine M. Dilbert |
| Cedric E. Hodgman | Mary A. Dunphy |
| Daniel Needham | Isabelle Woods |
| Harold H. Woods | |

FALL TERM.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| William G. Bradley | Hazel G. Gibson |
| James H. Dunphy | Lillian T. Harrington |
| John T. Gay | Sylvia Lawrence |
| Daniel Needham | Marguerite E. Leonard |
| Charles H. Patterson | Doris E. Peabody |
| Edward A. Roache | Bertha Swallow |
| Harold B. Woods | Hazel Thompson |
| Harold H. Woods | Inabelle Woods |

BUTLER GRAMMAR.

WINTER TERM.

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Ernest Moyle | Ethel Young |
| George Dilbert | Abbie Bowen |
| James Donahue | Kathleen Dunphy |
| William Gay | Margaret O'Leary |
| Mason Shattuck | Fred Woods |
| Lewis Woods | |

SPRING TERM.

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| George Dilbert | Phyllis Roache |
| Mason Shattuck | Fred Woods |
| Lewis Woods | Harvey Woods |

FALL TERM.

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Mason Shattuck | Phyllis Roache |
| Harvey Woods | Gladys Swallow |
| Edward Collier | Louise Boynton |
| Harry Patterson | Doretha Gleason |
| Fred Woods | Jessie Shattuck |
| Roderick Woolley | |

BUTLER PRIMARY.

WINTER TERM.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Mildred E. Harris | Dora E. Bailey |
| Muriel R. Moison | Alice C. Cleary |
| Wallace E. Bywater | Lauretta B. Fletcher |
| William H. Folkins | Naomi H. Gleason |
| Lawrence W. Gay | Alice G. Kemp |
| Cecil A. Kemp | Martin Bowen |
| James E. O'Leary | James H. Cleary |
| Clarence D. Young | William A. Connolly |
| George E. Folkins | |

SPRING TERM.

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Clara M. Parker | Dora E. Bailey |
| Cecil A. Kemp | William A. Connolly |

FALL TERM.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dora E. Bailey | Genieve H. Harrington |
| Etta A. Crowley | Marion E. Young |
| Gertrude N. Crowley | Carl B. Gleason |
| Lauretta B. Fletcher | Roger F. Hynes |
| Helen F. Gay | Alice G. Kemp |
| Irene S. Peabody | Josephine F. Smith |
| Timothy L. Crowley | George E. Folkins |
| Chester E. Gleason | |

CHAPLIN INTERMEDIATE.

WINTER TERM.

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Selina K. Bradley | Ervin H. Hynes |
| Edward D. Collier | Mary H. Messinger |
| Elizabeth J. Crowley | Cedric G. Moison |
| John Crowley | Charles H. Rodgers |
| Henry W. Donahue | Gertrude E. Smith |
| Mary E. Folkins | Mary E. Smith |
| Doretha M. Gleason | Roderick C. Woolley |

SPRING TERM.

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Louise M. Boynton | Ellsa M. Harris |
|-------------------|-----------------|

FALL TERM.

Walter Cleary
Elizabeth Crowley
Francis Curtis
William Folkins

Lawrence Gay
Mildred Harris
Ervin Hynes
Cecil Kemp

Clarence Young

CHAPLIN PRIMARY.

WINTER TERM.

Everett Cleary
Joseph Cleary
May Hynes
Roger Hynes
Henry Woods

George Donahue
Genieve Harrington
Ralph Hynes
Julia Smith
Marion Young

SPRING TERM.

Clarence Curtis

FALL TERM.

Julia F. Smith
Olive E. Turner
Alice A. Moison
May E. Hynes
Florence H. Little
Mina A. Erving

Catherine E. Toomey
Paul E. Erving
Everett J. Cleary
Fred A. Munroe
Henry A. Johnson
Charles Curtis

TARBELL PRIMARY.

WINTER TERM.

Arthur Carr

SPRING TERM.

Robert Bixby
Donald Bixby

Arthur Carr
Edward Carr

FALL TERM.

Ruth A. Doran

Dorothy B. Thompson
H. Provost Thompson

TARBELL GRAMMAR.

WINTER TERM.

Renald Fernald

Luba B. Carr

SPRING TERM.

Raymond Sleeper

FALL TERM.

Marion A. Mellish

William K. Lawrence

Mary J. Doran

MOORS SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM.

Emma Gilson

John Hartt

H. Jerome Bowles

Carrie Davis

Leonita Huebner

SPRING TERM.

H. Jerome Bowles

John Hartt

Evangeline Lund

FALL TERM.

Leonita Huebner

Reginald E. Huebner

Maud Jewett

Harold Jewett

Evangeline Lund

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1906—1907.

| | FALL TERM. | | WINTER TERM. | | SPRING TERM. | |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Opens | Closes | Opens | Closes | Opens | Closes |
| LOWER SCHOOLS GRAMMAR SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL | Sept. 10, 1906 | Dec. 14, 1906 | Jan. 7, 1907 | March 22, 1907 | April 8, 1907 | June 21, 1907 |
| | Sept. 10, 1906 | Dec. 21, 1906 | Jan. 7, 1907 | March 29, 1907 | April 8, 1907 | June 21, 1907 |
| | Sept. 10, 1906 | Dec. 21, 1906 | Jan. 7, 1907 | March 29, 1907 | April 8, 1907 | June 21, 1907 |

HOLIDAYS—Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907—1908.

| | FALL TERM. | | WINTER TERM. | | SPRING TERM. | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Opens | Closes | Opens | Closes | Opens | Closes |
| LOWER SCHOOLS GRAMMAR SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL | Sept. 9, 1907 | Dec. 13, 1907 | Jan. 6, 1908 | March 20, 1908 | April 6, 1908 | June 19, 1908 |
| | Sept. 9, 1907 | Dec. 20, 1907 | Jan. 6, 1908 | March 27, 1908 | April 6, 1908 | June 19, 1908 |
| | Sept. 9, 1907 | Dec. 20, 1907 | Jan. 6, 1908 | March 27, 1908 | April 6, 1908 | June 19, 1908 |

HOLIDAYS—Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day.

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